SCHOOL PROBLEMS

By Supt. Washburne

O. Is there any truth in the Herald-Examiner article about mothers protesting against dish-washing in the schools?

A. Very little. The "flood of letters" were purely imaginary on the part of the reporter. No letter of protest has ever been received. One or two mothers some time ago asked questions why dish-washing was included in our domestic science course. These questions were answered in their own liking New Year's after- ditional greetings and well-wishings the Winnetka Weekly Talk and formed the basis of the reporter's story.

O. Do the children get enough practice in reading out loud and expression reading under the present system?

A. They get just as much as under the old system and the ones who need it get more. The only difference is that instead of the child reading out loud to the entire class, he reads out loud usually to his teacher, while the rest of the class are reading silently. This enables the teacher to give much more special help to the child who needs it, and prevents the child from holding the rest of the class back. There is reading to the class as a whole in connection with children's oral reports, but such reading is almost never out of a book which all the rest of the children have read, or have open before them. It is a genuine effort on the part of the child who is reading to interest the rest of the class in a book which most of them have not read.

The whole system of having a pupil read from a reader while the rest of the class follow is inexcusably wasteful of everyone's time. It necessitates all children reading a book of the same difficulty, whereas in any grade it will be found that children's ability to read varies considerably. It results in either slighting the child who reads so badly as to require a great deal of attention from the teacher, or in inflicting much bad reading upon all the rest of the class.

Our system of having children read aloud to the teacher, one, at a time, avoids these difficulties and enables us to give each child a book that fits his own needs and abilities. It allows each child to progress in his reading as rapidly as he is able. It enables the teacher to give extra time to the poor reader. And it requires no more of the teacher's time to hear's pupils read aloud to her alone, one at a time, than to hear them read

time.

As to expression, one of the functions of our dramatic teacher is to help in bringing this out, but the grade teachers themselves spend fully as much time on reading for expression under the individual system as is usually done under the class system.

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Sixty employes of the village hall, works men enjoyed festivities to

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Many words of greeting were including police, firemen and public passed about the festive board, the phone busily announced scores of ad-

aloud to the whole class, one at a noon at the offices of Magistrate C. and many prominent citizens put in an appearance in the course of the There was toothsome roast ham, afternoon to lend a hand in the gladsome informalities.

That the "boys" appreciated this token of regard and thanks is to be taken for granted. They can't all reserve a special "thank you" for every friend, so we'll say it for them. "Thank You."

The next meeting of the Scott Avenue circle will be held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Farwell, 1412 Scott avenue, on Tuesday, January 11, at 2 o'clock.

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