

**CHILDREN EXPLAIN
WORK IN SCHOOL**

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such as extemporaneous and prepared speeches, book reports, etc. He is then criticized by the class.

Therefore it is wise the work is not individual. The pupils would not improve so well nor would they enjoy their work so much.

Spelling is individual. It is absolutely necessary that the man or woman who expects to get a respectable position know how to spell.

At the beginning of the year each pupil takes the words of his grade, plus the words of the two previous years. Then the words he misspells are checked in his book. He has to study them and then write them. For correct ones he gets an O. K. There are some blank spaces at the back of the book in which all the words missed in book reports or compositions are checked.

The individual system works very well because if one pupil misses two hundred words and one only twenty words, the one who misses only twenty doesn't have to wait for the pupil who misses two hundred.

Writing is also individual. The pupil may write his own way as long as the writing is perfectly legible, uniform and the speed is not less than eighty-five letters per minute. We have measuring cards which enable us to tell our faults.

Pupil Determines Work
Seventh grade grammar consists entirely of "common errors in speech." The individual pupil really determines how much grammar he must take in seventh grade. That is, if he speaks correctly, he will not need to take as much as the child that speak poorly. This course teaches what every person would want to know when he is grown as well as when he is young. The pupil doesn't need to know all grammatical facts, that is, the gender, kind, and class of a word, but he does need to know that a verb must agree with its

subject in number and person and similar things. He must know when to use these facts and how to use them correctly. The grammar test that every seventh grader has to take to pass seventh grade grammar is according to this plan. It does not ask what the gender of a certain noun is or what the class of a certain adjective is, but it asks which he should use—"I wasn't there last night—or—I weren't there last night". The pupil will underline the form he thinks is correct, and underneath the

form tells why it should be the one he picked out.

The eighth grade grammar is not in one but in two parts. The first semester is common errors in speech and the second is what we call an elective course. It is not necessary for the child who is not going to high school to take this course. New Trier asks, however, that all children who are going to take foreign languages in high school have the training that this course offers. This grammar does ask for the gender, class, and kind of words, as this is what will help the pupil in high school languages.

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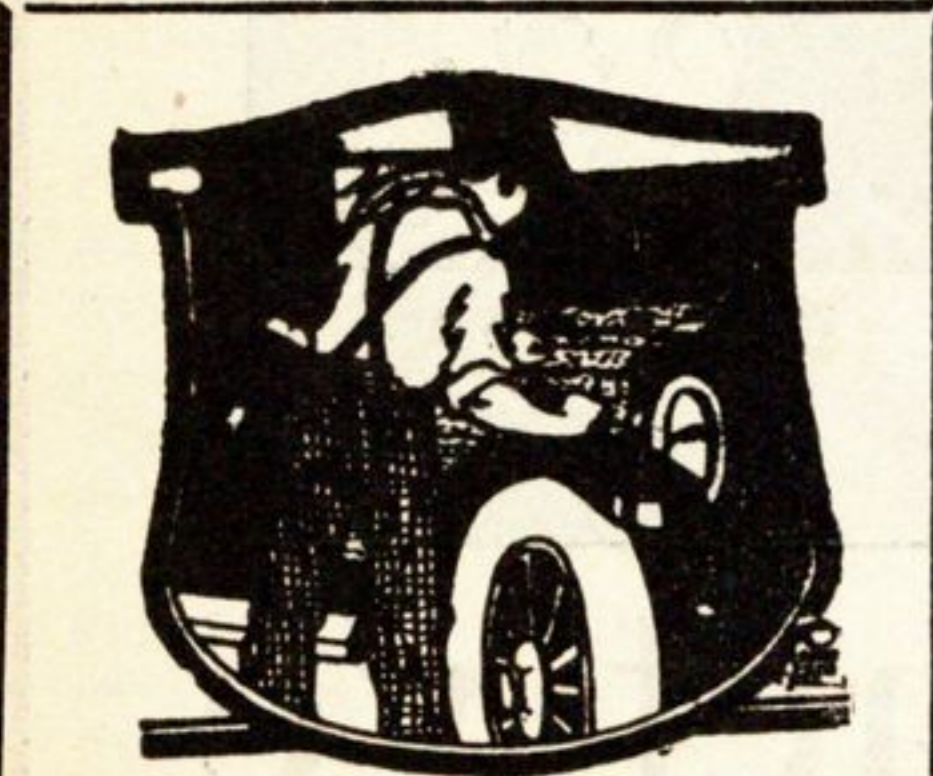
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