

## 'SERVE INDIVIDUAL,' PROGRAM AT SKOKIE

Children Now Divided Into  
Three General Classes  
at W. Elm St. School

### SELF-RELIANCE CLASS

Normal Progress of Child Is  
Fostered

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Winnetka adopted the Individual System so that each child might be allowed to progress through school at his own natural rate. If the lower schools, the result has been to greatly increase the rate of progress of nearly all the pupils. At the same time, more time has been found for oral work, dramatization, music and other "social" activities.

Many of these advantages also existed in the upper grades at the Skokie School, but the faculty has felt that we were not fully meeting the needs of all individuals. We feel it desirable not only to teach the common school facts, but to develop the qualities of self-reliance, good judgment and unselfishness among the pupils, thus better fitting them for citizenship. A child who possesses these qualities should be allowed a great deal of freedom in deciding the amount of time which should be spent upon different studies. Different subjects are harder for different children—and the child alone can best tell the exact amount of time which he should put on each. Where he has developed the self-reliance to do this wisely, he should be given a chance to do it. But not all children have the good judgment to succeed with too much freedom.

**Self-Reliance Class**

This quality of self-reliance doesn't seem to be very closely related to speed in work, or those factors measured by "intelligence tests." It is found among quick, rapid workers, and also among the slow plodders. Among both kinds of children it means the ability to work consistently with the least amount of direction from the teacher. We have tried to pick out the children who seemed to possess to a high degree the ability to take care of themselves, and we have given them a much freer program. We have called this an "A" type of program, for want of a better name. A little more than one-third of the 7th and 8th grade pupils are working on this basis. The arrangement is new, and we shall probably find that our judgment has been unwise in some cases.

**Enjoy Real Supervision**

Many children need to be taught how to study, so as not to waste time. To meet this need, many schools have developed what is called "supervised study" classes. Under a departmentalized program, one teacher handles all these study classes. We feel that the subject teacher is better fitted to supervise the study of her subject than any one else. So where we felt that children needed supervision for their study, we programmed them for more periods with the teacher of each subject. Some of these periods are for recitation and discussion and some for study. Very little "free choice" is allowed to the children. Such a program we have called a "C" type. About one-third of the children are now having these advantages.

**In-Between Pupils**

In between the two groups outlined above, are children who are learning to take care of themselves. They are allowed more freedom of choice when they show that they can use it wisely, and not waste time. But they must be helped more than those who are much more self-reliant. Where both freedom and supervised study are provided, we have called it a "B" type of program.

These groups are not fixed, but are sufficiently fluid so that children may pass from one to the other as they show signs of being able to profit more by one type of program than the other.

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opportunities are being made for special help in subjects in which the children may be deficient, so as to bring them up to their own normal rate of progress. More chances to work in the shops and laboratories, for dramatic work, debating, etc., are also offered this term. With the same faculty as the last term, the new program has allowed for almost 50% more special work. By this new reorganization of its program, the Skokie School hopes more nearly to meet the needs of each individual within its doors; and to thus make each individual happier in his school work.

### COMMUNITY HOUSE CALENDAR

#### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 1923

The monthly dinner of the Winnetka Men's Club is to be given Thursday evening, February 8, in the Gymnasium. It is planned to make this a special occasion, to which the wives of members are to be invited. The speaker is to be Gen. Abel Davis.

**Monday, February 5**  
All Day. Meeting of North Shore Sewing Guild, Rooms 9, 10, 11.

Afternoon. Kindergarten, Room 6 at 1:30. In the Gymnasium, Small Boys' Classes at 3:45 and 4:30. Blue Birds, 2 Groups, Room 4, Room 9 at 4 o'clock.

Evening. In the Gymnasium, 2 classes for men, at 7:30 and 8:30. Royal Arcanum in Assembly Room at 8 o'clock. Folk Dancing Class, Neighborhood Room at 8 o'clock.

**Tuesday, February 6**  
Morning. Gymnasium Class for Women, 9 o'clock.

Afternoon. Kindergarten, Room 6 at 1:30. In the Gymnasium, Basket Ball for High School Boys at 4 o'clock. Rhythmic Dancing, Assembly Room at 2 and 3 o'clock. Camp Fire Girls, at 4 o'clock. Tamakwa Group, Room 2; Hashatuya Group and Litahni Group, First Aid Work, Rooms 4 and 5.

Evening. Young Ladies' Gymnasium Class at 7:30; "Friendship Circle" Gymnasium Class at 8:30. "Friendship Circle" Club in the Neighborhood Room at 8:30. Classes in English for Foreigners at 8 o'clock—Men, Room 7; Women, Rooms 2, 4, 5, 9. Mid-week Church Meeting, Assembly Room at 8 o'clock. Boy

Scouts, Troop No. 2, Scout Room, 8 P. M.

**Wednesday, February 7**  
All Day. Meeting of Woman's Society.

Afternoon. Kindergarten, Room 6, 1:30. Social Dancing for Boys and Girls, 2 classes, 3:45 and 4:30.

Evening. Basket Ball in the Gymnasium at 8 o'clock. Entre Nous Club, Room 5 at 8 o'clock.

**Thursday, February 8**  
Morning. Class for Women at 9 o'clock.

Afternoon. Fancy and Aesthetic Dancing for Girls, 2 classes, 4 and 4:45. In the Gymnasium, Country Day School, Basket Ball at 4 o'clock.

Evening. Men's Club Dinner in the Gymnasium at 7 o'clock. Boy Scouts, Troop No. 1, in the Assembly Room at 7:30.

**Friday, February 9**  
Afternoon. Motion pictures in the Gymnasium. Matinee at 4:15. Camp Fire Girls at 4 o'clock. Sukatari Group, Room 5.

Evening. Motion pictures in the Gymnasium at 7:15 and 8:45. O. T. R. Boys, Room 5, 8 P. M.

**Saturday, February 10**  
Afternoon. In the Gymnasium, Boys' class at 2 o'clock. Young Men, 3:30. Volley Ball for Men at 5 o'clock.

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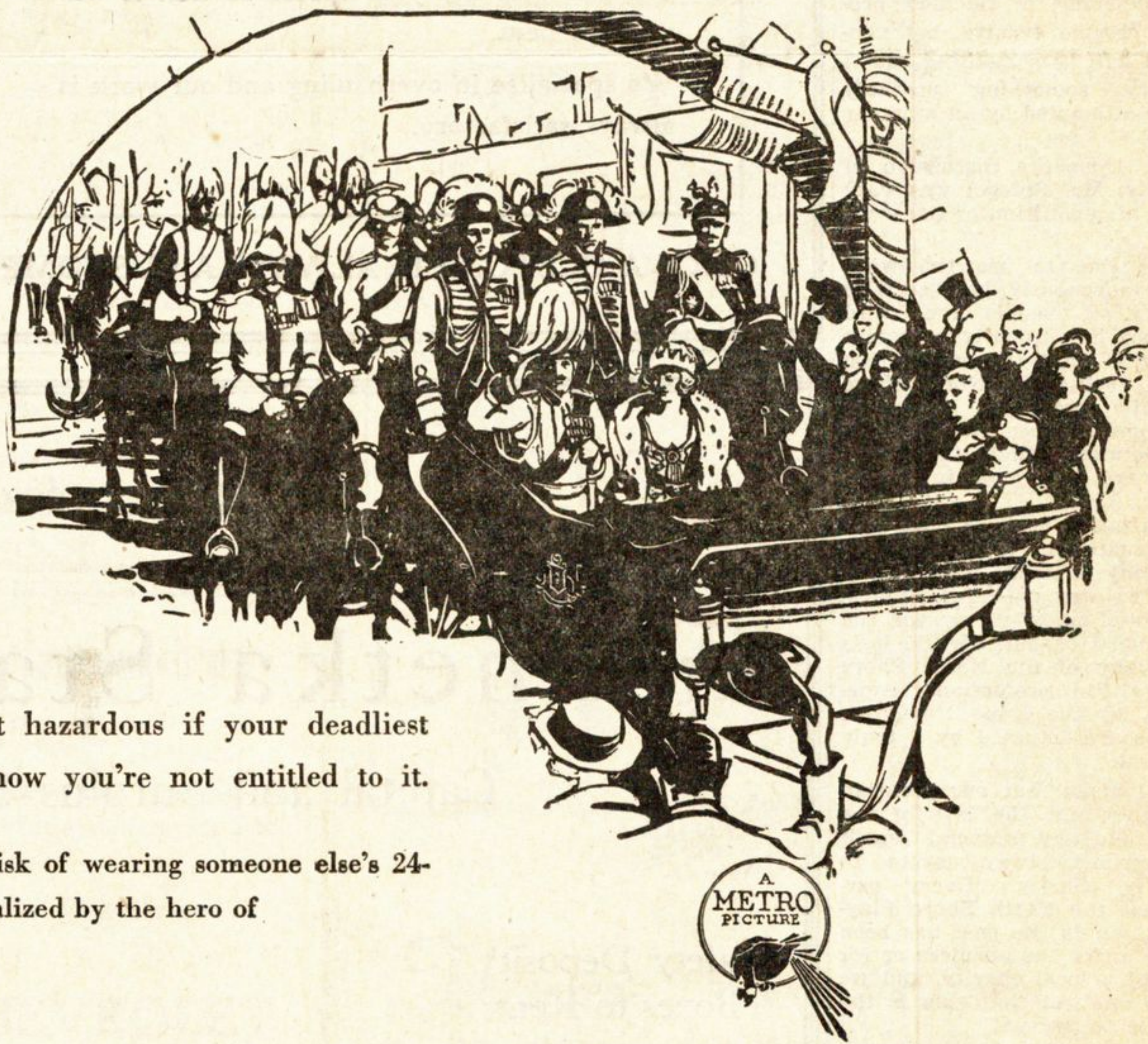
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EVENING 7:15 and 8:45