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**NEWS FROM HOME**

If you have been an exile in a foreign land you know the sweetness of news from home. With hundreds or thousands of miles between you and the home land, you hunger and thirst for some knowledge of what's going on in the old town. "Anything new? Town hall finished yet? How's Jim getting along?"

It's just as if that part of you that was formed by living in the old neighborhood needed for its own peculiar food and drink a direct or indirect contact with those familiar scenes. It isn't that you're so deeply interested in the affairs of those old friends and acquaintances, as that certain portions of yourself crave refreshment. You are really interested in your former environment; or, put in another way, it has become a part of you. The process of becoming weaned away from it will be long and painful.

Sojourners in an alien place yearn for news from home.

The coming to them of the home newspaper is like the coming of an old friend with tidings. They read every word. Not an item escapes. Names of townspeople assume an unwonted and attractive quality.

We of the newspaper feel it a privilege to be bearers of a gospel to folks who are away for a season. We like to tell them all about the happenings in the little old town where their people live.

It warmed the cockles of our heart to get a letter from Walter Niemann printed last week, in which he mentioned the joy our paper had brought him in his travels. It kept him in "personal touch with Home."

When he spelled "Home" with a capital H he meant it!

**TWENTY-TWO PARKS IN WINNETKA!**

Counting as a park every separate piece of ground that is the jurisdiction of the Winnetka Park Board, there are twenty-two parks in Winnetka. When we first heard this fact we were at once incredulous. Why there couldn't be so many as that in a town of only 8,000! Try as hard as we could we couldn't remember more than four or five. Let's see; there's the Commons, and the park up by the swimming beach; yes, and two other parks opposite Elder Lane. Count the Skokie Playfield? Well, that makes only four. That was as far as we could get.

Anyone who has walked through a progressive village and seen houses going up here, there, and everywhere, feels as if walls were rising around him, shutting out sunlight and air. He feels like the prisoner enclosed in a iron room whose walls kept closing in on him. And then what joy and relief fill his whole being as he comes upon such an unfilled open space as the Commons! Here, thank God! no house will ever be built. This field will never be "improved." Look up and about and you can see almost the entire heavenly hemisphere.

Some day, Winnetka, they say, will be encircled, not by a wall, but by a series of parks. Whenever you enter or leave the vil-

lage you'll have to pass through a park. You'll be sorry to leave and glad to come back, if the last and first thing you enter is an open space.

Think of it — twenty-two parks!

**SCHOOL DEBATES**

The New Trier debates recall the debates in which we were interested in bygone school days. How we did devour encyclopedias and magazine articles in order to prove that the pen was mightier than the sword or that the country was a better home for the boy than the city!

With what shakings of the knees did we rise up and step to the front as the teacher said, "The next speaker will be the first negative, William Dobbs," or whatever the name was. Then we presented our points. What interested the audience seemed to be, not our argument, but our self-consciousness. We suddenly became aware of the sound of our own voice and this distraction led us away from the straight path of argumentation. We stopped, forgot completely the next word, and sat down, red as a beet, amid great applause. Perhaps, you, in your debate made a splendid speech and won the debate.

Do you remember the time when you omitted unintentionally the most important part of your speech and didn't know what a mistake you had made until your "honorable colleague" told you of it?

But nobody can deny the benefits of debating, the gaining of information, the sharpening of wits, the increase in self-confidence.

**SUBSCRIBE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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**WINNETKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The recently organized Winnetka Chamber of Commerce has a great future. Its program of activities shows initiative, ambition, and a commendable desire to help the village of which it is a vital part.

This organization aims to assist in every way any movement that "may in any wise affect or promote the progress, development, and well-being of our citizen." It's fine for a community to feel and know that there is in its midst such a group of loyal citizens as make up this Chamber of Commerce.

Here is a power for great good in Winnetka.

**MR. AND MRS. GUY STUART BAILEY**

The two people most responsible for the phenomenal success of the North Shore Theatre Guild are leaving us. They have given bountifully of themselves to the cause of dramatic development on the North Shore. And now they're going to New York.

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