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*Depress the Tracks.
Give the Business Men Fair Play.
Build a New Village Hall.
Enforce the Traffic Laws.
Build the Truck Road.*

TAKE PART!

"Your town is what you make it" No truer aphorism was ever uttered.

The drab little community of Gopher Prairie, described by Sinclair Lewis in his novel, Main street, was drab, uninteresting, and backward because of the kind of people that lived in it. We in Winnetka hope and believe (too frequently, perhaps) that our plane of existence is about that of Gopher Prairie. We like to cherish the memory of our accomplishments and nurse our civic pride.

Undoubtedly Winnetka has accomplished much, but not infrequently these attainments have been the results of the efforts of a relatively small group of people. With the growth of the community there is always the danger that these groups will not be augmented to a degree commensurate with the increase of population. If we are to continue to keep our community enterprises on a high level it is necessary that these groups expand and that these activities be divided and shared in by an ever increasing number. It is necessary, in other words, that almost every one in Winnetka have some community interest.

It is of little consequence whether he take on the responsibilities of a church warden, a club member, an athlete on a local team, a trustee on the village council, or a mere adjunct to some of the scores of boards and committees which abound in our village. The main point is that every citizen, young or old, should take an active part in some village enterprise.

The person who regards his town merely as a convenient sleeping and eating place is an inhabitant, not a citizen. There are hundreds of worthy activities in Winnetka, which, whether they be of such humble or varied natures as amateur theatricals or rummage sales, would gladly welcome additional assistance.

—Contributed.

AIR FLIVVERS

"O Fred! please fly the flivver to the front. I want to catch the 8:10, and it's almost five minutes after, now."

It's 1928, and the humblest families have Ford air-planes. Even the poor school-teacher, who in earlier years sported a touring flivver, now skims over the house-tops from home to station. Behind the tiniest dwelling stands a still tinier hangar.

Our friend, Fred, brings the plane round to the front. His wife climbs into the pit beside him, and off they hop. As their speed increases, the wings feel the pressure of the air, and they soon find themselves in the free upper atmosphere headed for the railway station. Mr. and Mrs. Lakeside in their magnificent Rolls-Packard plane shoot past on their way to Chicago. A huge air-bus roars by.

But the little air-flivver is already sliding down into the field beside the station, where our happy couple disembark and take the train for the city.

LIVING

In his recent book on ethics, Professor Rogers of Brown University defines "life" as the doing of interesting and important things.

This definition emphasizes three elements in living. These are "doing," "interesting and important," and "things." Life is active; it engages one's impulses and habits, and judgments of value; and finally life is objective.

Living is not sleeping. It is not a mere affair of receiving stimulations. It is an active enterprise, an undertaking in which one must be up and doing.

Life is a personal matter. One's impulses are to be satisfied. Each person is living his own life, not somebody else's. A man must decide what is important for him; he should not be expected to accept another's valuation.

Finally, life is objective. It deals with an inter-action between an individual and his physical and social surroundings. Just as digestion is a co-operation of stomach and food so is living a co-operation of individual and environment. Man does not live in a vacuum.

Summarizing and reviewing, life is the absorbing of one's self in interesting and satisfying tasks.

YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY

The other day we asked a New Trier senior how many lines a day of Vergil she had to translate. "Twenty-five," she said.

"We used to have fifty, when I went to school, about thirty years ago," was our comment.

Her response to this was significant: "We wouldn't stand for that much!"

In the old days, back in the nineties, high school pupils seldom, if ever, made any objection to the length of lessons. We usually did what we were told to do. Our preferences were not consulted.

The world has changed. And from our point of view the change is an improvement. Yesterday we middle-aged people were instructed; to-day our children are taught. There is a big difference between "instructed" and "taught."

Pupils should have a great deal to say about what is taught to them, how much, and how.

ROADS

1. I love roads that twist and turn,
I love roads whose hot sands burn
Truant feet seeking truant joys,
The truant feet of barefoot boys;
I love roads.

2. I love roads, that up and down,
O'er wooded hill, through quaint
old town
Lead me back long years ago
To scenes my boyhood used to
know;
I love roads.

3. I love a road that leads me back
From crowded city to an old log
shack;
To an old log shack 'neath forest
trees
Where songs of birds fill the sum-
mer breeze;
I love roads.

4. I love roads, bright in the morning
sun,
Roads deep-shadowed when the
day is done;
Roads with wild roses blooming
by the way;
Roads sweet with the scent of
new-mown hay;
I love roads.

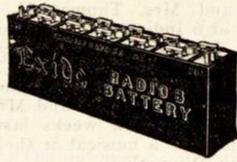
5. I love roads when at even-time
Bells in the distant church tower
chime;
Roads, that, as the sun sinks in the
west,
Lead me home to supper and to
rest;
I love roads.

6. I love roads, when in the dark of
night
At the end of my journey, I find
a light
Set in the window to guide me
home
From paths afar, wherever I roam;
I love roads.

7. I love roads that twist and turn,
I love roads whose sands will burn
No more the feet of the boy who
played
In the roadside chestnut's welcome
shade;
I love roads. —D. K. Grant

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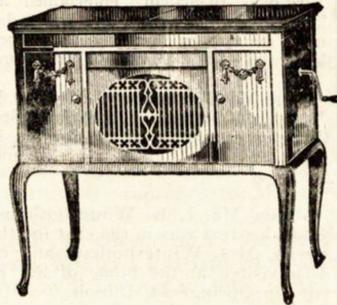
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