

# TWO SPEAKERS AT SUNDAY CLUB

Fred B. Smith and State Senator Essington on Same Program December 16

QUARTET TO SING

"Law Enforcement" Is Smith's Subject

Two prominent men will appear before the Wilmette Sunday Evening club on Sunday, December 16.



Fred B. Smith

Fred B. Smith, vice-president of Johns Manville, Inc., of New York, one of the greatest orators on the American lecture platform, will speak on the subject of "Law Enforcement." State senator Thurlow G. Essington, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Illinois, will leave off with campaigning for the evening and discuss some of the problems of the day.

**World Traveler**

Mr. Smith has traveled around the world several times in his study of world problems. Last year and in 1921 he spoke before the Wilmette Sunday Evening club and the Evanston Sunday Forum on the subject of International Peace. He has appeared before the Chicago Sunday Evening club and is recognized the country over as one of the outstanding leaders in the business and civic affairs. He is one of the most forceful speakers to appear on Sunday Evening club programs.

**Capable Leader**

Senator Essington has been selected by the state Republican organization to oppose the candidacy of Governor Small in the gubernatorial Primary election on Tuesday, April 8, 1924. He is a resident of Streator, a lawyer by profession and one of the most capable leaders in the state. He has been state senator since 1918 and his candidacy for governor is supported by the outstanding Republican leaders of the state.

The musical program will be by the new Wilmette Sunday Evening club quartet, composed of Miss Anna Burmeister, soprano, Miss Mary Welch, contralto, Mr. Eugene Dressler, tenor, and Mr. Burton Thatcher, bass, with Mr. Noble Cain at the organ.

**Masonic Lodge Observes Installation Ceremony**

Installation ceremonies were held at the Winnetka Masonic temple Tuesday of this week. William F. Kentner was formally installed as worshipful master amid the usual impressive ceremonies. Other officers, elected at the annual meeting Tuesday, December 4, were installed as follows: William F. Groene, senior warden; George F. Barberry, junior warden; E. F. Fitch, senior deacon; Sidney G. L. Wellbeloved, junior deacon; Allen T. Weinstock, treasurer; and Andrew F. Battey, secretary.

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## Municipal Column

Edited by the Village Manager

### PUBLIC HEALTH OR ESTHETIC PROBLEMS

Up to ten years ago it was not at all uncommon to find garbage and refuse disposal a function of the local health department. Although today this is usually a responsibility of some other department, health departments are still often concerned with the investigation of complaints regarding uncovered or inadequate garbage receptacles and insanitary conditions of alleys and yards. Undoubtedly such conditions are nuisances which ought to be attended to. There is, however, an unanswered question as to where the public health ends and the purely esthetic problem begins. Uncovered garbage cans are unquestionably unsightly, disgusting and odorous and as such are a nuisance which should be abated. In providing a food supply for rats they produce an additional nuisance which in seaport cities forms a distinct public health menace. In breeding flies the nuisance is still further increased and a potential carrier of disease is produced. The fly undoubtedly plays a more important part in the transmission of disease in rural communities, where large numbers of open privies are to be found, than it does in cities, where methods of sewage disposal are more sanitary. Accumulations of refuse, except as a possible home for rats, unless they contain organic material, are chiefly nuisances against our esthetic senses and do not form an important public health problem.

Whether or not improper care of garbage constitutes a real public health problem is chiefly a question as to how great a menace the rat is, how many flies breed in garbage and what part the fly plays in the spread of disease. The rat anywhere is a potential source of danger, but in inland cities where plague is not endemic, it seems unlikely that he plays any very important part in the transmission of disease. The rat problem in such communities is chiefly an economic one, the annual losses caused by rats being enormous. Should the Great Lakes cities become trans-Atlantic ports this problem might well be one of public health.

We are accustomed to think of garbage as a breeding-place for flies, but, as a matter of fact, how many of them actually do breed there? Manure is, of course, a much more favorable breeding-place than garbage, and in cities where garbage is collected once a week or oftener there should be no fly-breeding provided the collector entirely empties each receptacle. Where collections

are regular, any flies which hatch out must have been bred either in the small residue left in the receptacle after collection has been made or in spilled garbage. The passing of the horse and the substitution of the automobile has very greatly reduced the fly problem, especially in the cities. If there were a better observance of the law requiring householders to clean garbage receptacles and more attention given to disposal of spilled garbage, the number of flies would be decreased still further.

Do flies present an important public health problem in the modern city? Frankly, we have not the knowledge to definitely answer the question, but it seems probable that with the decrease in the number of flies and with the great majority of homes properly sewered, there is comparatively little opportunity for the fly to spread communicable disease.

There isn't the slightest doubt but that money is well spent on garbage and refuse disposal and their attendant nuisances, but there is a question as to whether or not money should be spent from public health appropriations for these purposes unless they present important health problems. If, for example, a city makes an appropriation of \$2 per capita for public health and 70 cents of that \$2 is spent on garbage, rat, and refuse complaints, is that city really spending \$2 per capita on public health? We are inclined to feel that it is not.

—Weekly Health Review, Detroit.

**"Duke" Will Play That Bass Horn In the Band**

Earl Eaton Bigelow, one of the most accomplished and versatile players with the well known Vagabond Dance orchestra, has been secured to play the bass horn in the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce Band.

Music is Mr. Bigelow's avocation, his principal duties being the management of the advertising department of Lloyd Hollister, Inc. He is known more generally as just plain "Duke."

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**ARRESTED FOR A THEFT**

Harry Stein, delivery boy for a well known Chicago department store, was placed in the hands of the Juvenile authorities this week after he was charged with petit larceny by the Winnetka police.

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## Guiding Stars

By C. S. Breckenridge, Manager

### LEWIS, INC. and HOYBURN THEATRE EVANSTON

The Symbol of Christmas is the Star of the East—**FAITH.** The gist of New Year's Day, to quote Dr. Frank Crane, is "TRY AGAIN—you may never reach your ideal, but the sailor never reaches the NORTH STAR! Yet, without the North Star he could never come to port." Thus we may have guiding stars in the heavens and high ideals on earth. Our aims have been called the best of life. Anticipation often seems better than realization. Aims and ideals dominate our progress.

The Spirit of Christmas and the New Year comes to us again with renewed Hope. We enjoy a feeling of good fellowship, wishing prosperity to one another. Here on the beautiful North Shore we have much to be thankful for, with ideal environment, clean living, and clean business. Let us aim to help one another in the happy and prosperous development of our community. Let us take advantage of the opportunities at hand.

## IF GERMS COULD TALK

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