

# Winnetka Weekly Talk

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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.*

### WORK! DON'T WISH!

The wiser one grows, the more he works and the less he wishes. When he was a child he acted like a child: he wished. When he became a man he put away childish things and acted like a man; he worked.

Most children take an almost pathetic delight in reading fairy stories. For hours at a time they pore over the pages of some wonderful fairy tale. They neglect meals and sleep, not to mention study. They are almost literally held captive by the miraculous doings of Jack the Giant Killer or the thrilling experiences of The Sleeping Princess. The lives of children, awake and asleep, are one long continuous tissue of wishes.

But as the child grows and experiences, the truth is forced upon him that wishes won't get him anywhere. Wishes, he gradually learns, are merely castles in Spain: they're no good for daily use. He does find, however, that wishes can be made over into pretty good plans.

But don't think that all this happens at once. By no means! It is only gradually that the growing human being comes to like work. In his adolescent years he hates it liberally. Sometimes, sad to say, he never develops into a lover of work. Such people remain childish.

Our exhortation to young people, to those standing on the threshold, is that they learn to like to work.

### STOP!

We gave them the right to work side by side with us men in business. We gave them the right to vote. We let them smoke cigars. We even gave them the privilege of wearing knickers. But when they invade the smoking car they've gone just a little too far!

We appeal to our brothers of the more gentlemanly sex. Shall women be allowed to occupy seats in the smoking-car, that enclosure dedicated to manly uses? The one place on the whole train where a man is fairly certain of finding a seat—and keeping it? Where he may loll in comfort without fear of the stern rebuke of feminine eyes?

The invasion has begun. We ourselves have seen evidence of it. It was last Saturday morn-

ing. We were safely tucked away in the corner of a front seat of the smoker, enjoying the smoke wreaths floating up and down the aisle. The train paused to take on passengers at Davis street.

And just here it happened! Two women entered the smoker at the rear, unseen by the conductor, and brazenly strode up the aisle to a seat at the very front. We men looked at one another in amazement. What's the idea? Don't they know it's a smoker? Ah, here comes the conductor! He'll put them where they belong. He remarks politely, "Smoking car, ladies." And what do they do? Get up and go? No, sir!

The bolder of the two females smiles and replies, "Oh, we don't mind!" Can you imagine such consummate nerve? To come into the men's car, occupy a whole seat, and then to say, "Oh, we don't mind!"

Men, he-men, and others! Let's put a stop to this invasion of our one remaining refuge. Let's petition the railroad authorities to nail over the entrance to their smoking cars large signs, reading: WOMEN! KEEP OUT!

### A GENEROUS GIFT

Every Christmas each grown person and child in Winnetka is offered a unique gift. It would be almost impossible to set any definite value on this gift. In fact it has different value for each person who accepts it. To many it is worth fully ten dollars, if not much more. And doubtless some would pay fifty cents for it if it weren't free. But the unique quality in this Christmas gift is that it is given to the entire community.

The individuals who put this present into the community stocking are the Community Drama club, made up of Winnetka citizens. Each year they expend money, time, and energy in the preparation of two performances of a Christmas play to which every individual, young and old, shall be freely admitted. Giving like this is such a showing-forth of Christmas goodwill as sets an ideal for nations as well as individuals.

This year the play will be, as it was two years ago, "Why the Chimes Rang." The performance for the children will be given on Saturday afternoon, December 22, at two o'clock; adults may see the play on Sunday evening, December 23, at eight. Both presentations will take place in Community House.

### CAN YOU SWIM?

Swimming is a great sport. The boy or girl who cannot swim is missing one of the most enjoyable, and one of the most valuable, activities that the human being can engage in. What a delight it is to dive into a clear, clean, almost unresisting medium, to cut into the water with scarcely a ripple, to shoot swiftly down toward the bottom that seems coming up to meet you!

Then to turn upwards and without effort rise again to the familiar air. Who but the swimmer can approach the exultation of the sea-gull winging its way through measureless space? Like the bird the swimmer cleaves his

way through a friendly element; like the bird he expends his energy for the sheer fun of using it.

The joys of life are multiplied a hundredfold for the human animal who can swim.

### "DON'T BE FOOLISH!"

Our own Chief Peterson says that during the month of November, 211 buildings were found open, and many of these were private homes! How can the police keep burglars out of your home when, by leaving doors unlocked, citizens invite these usually unwelcome guests to come in?

Are you one of those whose homes were found open? If you were, do not blame the police if, failing to correct this bad habit, you receive injuries to both body and property. You have only yourself to blame.

Here is only another instance of our foolish failure to work

with our own public servants. Let's assume a share of their responsibilities, and thereby make house-breaking more difficult and therefore less frequent.

to help the unfortunate ex-service man.

Were you one of the thousand that took tea in the mess-room at New Trier on Sunday evening, December 16? It was a very pleasant interlude between the two halves of the program presented in the Assembly hall. All in all it was an unforgettable afternoon.

### GOSSIP

Don't give any money to uniformed "peddlers." The Legion tells us that these fellows are simply commercializing the uniform. Send them to one of the agencies whose legitimate business it is

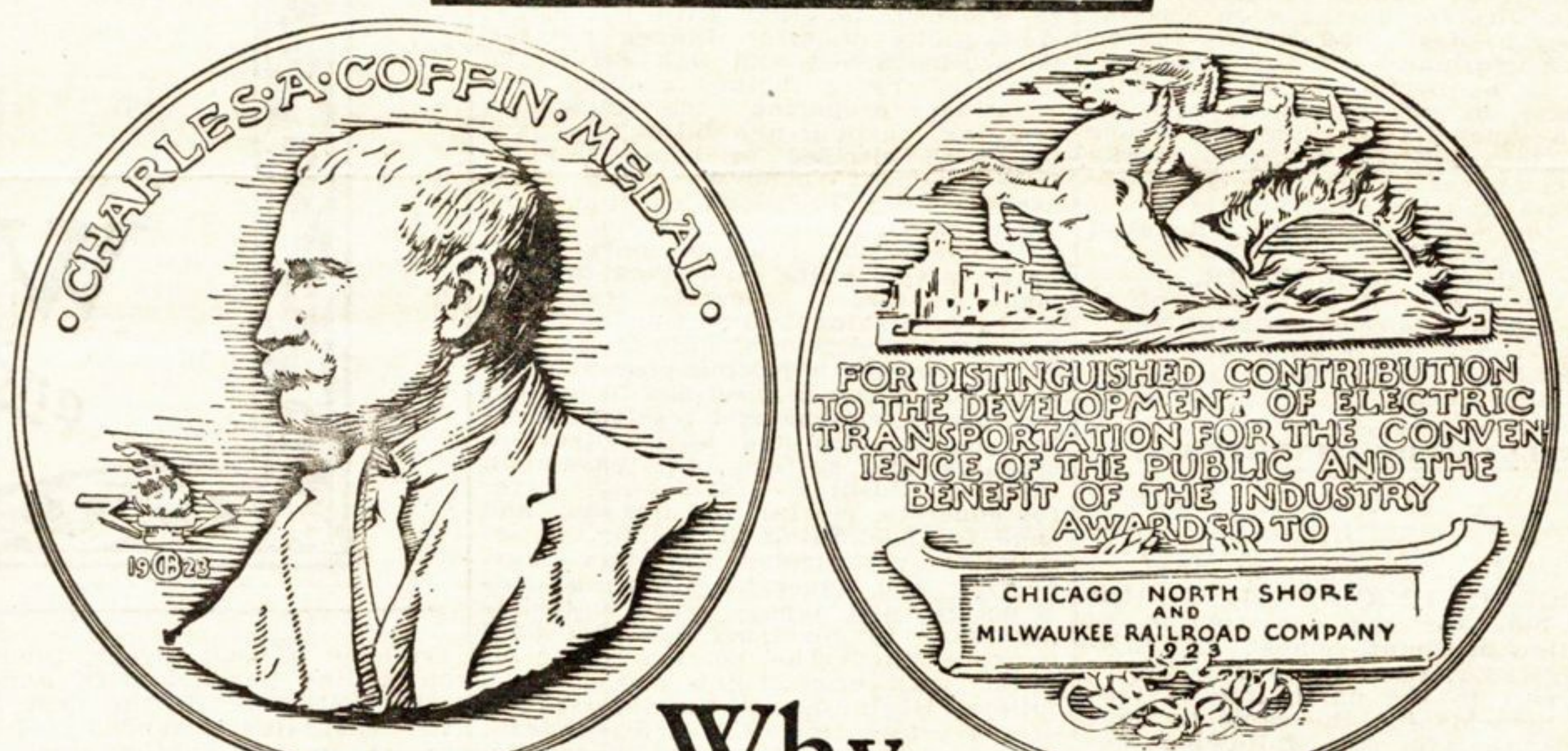
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"God so loved the world that He gave."  
BY LELAND HOBART DANFORTH  
(Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth)

It is a curious astigmatism of selfish people to think that those who give are not happy, but are rather joy-killers; whereas, the only real joyousness is to be found in homes where each lives for the other and all for God.

The selfish person thinks that joy lies in the absence of pain and sacrifice; whereas real joy lies in the triumph over pain and in the habit of self-sacrifice.

"Peace on Earth," which is the message of Christ at this Christmas tide, is the peace that follows victory over self.

It is not the peace which comes from taking an anæsthetic, nor the peace of listless stagnation. The joy of Christmas is the joy of giving as the result of self-sacrifice, and it is the finest joy of the whole year.

It was not Christ who was the kill-joy, but rather human selfishness, which is deadly to self. God is love, and so He gave; as you love, so will you give. Let good fellowship prevail—it is Christmas.