

# 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.*

### SILVER POPLARS

*God wrote His loveliest poem on the day  
He made the first tall silver poplar tree,  
And set it high upon a pale-gold hill,  
For all the new enchanted earth to see*

*I think its beauty must have made Him glad,  
And that He smiled at it—and loved it so—  
Then turned in sudden sheer delight,  
and made  
A dozen silver poplars in a row.*

*Mid green and white against a turquoise sky,  
A-shimmer and a-shine it stood at noon;  
A misty silver loveliness at night,  
Breathless beneath the first small wistful moon.*

*And then God took the music of the winds,  
And set each leaf a-flutter and a-thrill—  
To-day I read His poem word by word  
Among the silver poplars on the hill.  
—Grace N. Cowell in Scribner's.*

### TO BACCALAUREATES

Listen, my children, and you shall hear some valuable, though inexpensive, things concerning the big world to which you are about to be introduced.

If you are about to graduate from the technical department of a high school or college you are justified in expecting that you can get a good job soon after leaving school. You will probably know pretty exactly what sort of work you can do; in fact it is not unlikely that you have already got a position in some business where technical ability is needed.

If you are about to graduate from the liberal arts department you can hardly expect to get work so easily as your technical classmate. In the first place you naturally are somewhat doubtful as to what you are fitted for. As a matter of fact you were not fitted exactly, by your schooling, for anything. You may teach or do newspaper work or keep house for your folks or somebody else.

From this point of view the arts student seems less fortunate than the technical. But what the former loses in economic advantage he may gain in cultural growth. And sometimes a young man really gains by not finding immediately his place at the world's work-bench.

### BOYS AND MEN

The participation of the American Legion in the bestowing of the Eagle Scout medal on Linus Smith of Wilmette was a notable event. We have not lost sight of the fact that this medal is the highest honor that the recognized board of control can bestow upon a boy scout, but we desire to call especial attention to the close cooperation of these two very important organizations, one, the Legion, made up of men, and the other, the Boy Scouts, made up of boys.

Boys and men together—that's the way it ought to be more often. How much each can do for the other! As the notice to members of the Legion puts it—"At the scout age the examples set by the elders is a big thing." The presence of men at a meeting of boys always reacts beneficially on both parties: the men

are enlivened and invigorated by the boys; the boys are stabilized and strengthened by the men.

Let us have many more of such cooperative meetings.

### A TEACHER AND —

A recent editorial in a Chicago daily called its readers' attention to the fact that the great patriot, Nathan Hale, was a teacher. A teacher and a patriot.

Every teacher ought to be expected to be a patriot. If he is a real teacher both his thinking and his acting will naturally form in him a willingness to die for his country if need be. A teacher who is all that the name implies teaches and practises gratitude and love towards the institutions which have preserved and produced the blessings which he enjoys.

Nathan Hale regretted that he had not more than one life to give to his country. No doubt he was naturally a true patriot, but is it not credible that his teaching at East Haddam and New London added to his native zeal? And is it not very probable that he instilled into his pupils the duty and privilege of patriotism?

### GRATITUDE

We owe a debt of gratitude to the owners of beautiful homes.

Strange idea, isn't it when you're thinking of these owners resting at ease in their "beautiful homes"? What do they want of us? Gratitude? Foolish idea!

But, wait a minute! Every day you walk or drive past one or more of these beautiful homes, a dwelling which is a model of artistic architecture, set in the midst of lovely lawns and gardens. Often you pause to admire them, to let your eyes drink in the fullness of the beauty before you. You show to your out-of-town guests these homes and feel a little proud that you live in the neighborhood of these "show places." Are you never grateful to the owners of these homes?

Gratitude, some measure of gratitude, towards those who have made possible the existence of beautiful homes will go far towards promoting community good feeling.

### MACDOWELL CLUB

Five of the world's greatest musicians will give recitals next year in the assembly hall at New Trier high school. These world-famous artists are Louise Homer, contralto; Ossip Gabrilowitsch, pianist; Reinald Werrenrath, baritone; Maria Ivogun, soprano; Pablo Casals, cellist. The average price, to the subscriber, for each recital is \$1.50.

Incredible, that we on the north shore should have almost in our very homes vocal and instrumental solos by men and women who are the best in their own fields! Read the names again and see if you can imagine a more representative list of the world's greatest musicians. Of course Galli Curci, Paderewski, Kreisler, and McCormack are missing, but even royal banquets can be too sumptuous.

If necessary you ought to mortgage your home rather than not be a subscriber. These recitals are red-letter occasions, the like of which you may never again have offered to you.

We congratulate the MacDowell Musical club on sponsoring this unique recital series.

### HALF MAST

We noticed that on Memorial Day the American flag at the four-corners remained at half-mast all day, instead of going to the head at noon. What's the big idea?

It's good to be friendly with the police. But when you're arrested for speeding, forget your friendliness and remember that he is an officer of the law.

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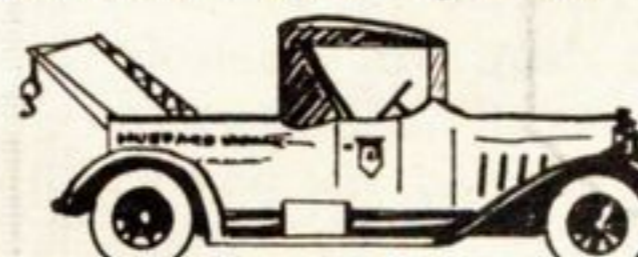


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