

## 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.*

### A VAGABOND SONG

*There is something in the autumn that  
is native to my blood—  
Touch of manner, hint of mood;  
And my heart is like a rhyme,  
With the yellow and the purple and the  
crimson keeping time.*

*The scarlet of the maples can shake me  
like a cry  
Of bugles going by  
And my lonely spirit thrills  
To see the frosty asters like a smoke  
upon the hills.*

*There is something in October sets the  
gypsy blood astir;  
We must rise and follow her,  
When from every hill of flame  
She calls and calls each vagabond by  
name.*

—BLISS CARMAN.

### AN EXPERIMENT

The "individual system" now operating in the Winnetka schools is probably the most important experiment now being made in the United States. It is well to remember that this undertaking is experimental and not an established procedure.

Many people are afraid of experiments. "I don't want to be experimented on and I don't want my children to be experimented on!" That's the attitude of many a Winnetka man or woman. It's an intelligible attitude. We're all willing to have something new tried on the dog. If he should die the loss would not be great. But the loss or serious injury of a human being cannot be estimated.

But after all action is experimental. The only difference is a difference in the certainty with which the outcome can be forecast. In taking medicine for a cold we are simply trying remedies. We MAY improve. Likewise in education: New methods must be tried out; they MAY cause better results than the old. In any case they must be tried before the results can be known.

Nor must it be forgotten that intelligent men before beginning an experiment make most thorough precautions against failure.

The Winnetka Individual plan is an experiment. But care has been, and is being, taken to avoid failure.

### WHO'S WHO?

Because a man's or woman's name is not to be found in Who's Who does not necessarily mean that this neglected man or woman is insignificant. It may be that the individual has been asked for a biographical sketch and for some reason has failed to respond. Or it may very well be that the compilers of Who's Who have not discovered certain well-qualified persons.

It must also be remembered that the names in this book are the names of "notable" men and women. To quote from the preface: "It should be borne in mind that the names in Who's Who In America have been selected not as the best but as an attempt to choose the best known men and women of the country." There is an important difference

between "best" and "best known."

Many of our friends are not in W.W. We're also absent. Our friends and we belong to the "best" but not to the "best known." Our circle is included in that genus that is born to blush unseen." It comforts us, however, to know that only 25,357 of our fellow-citizens have entered Who's Who, leaving us on the outside with about 110,000,000. Misery in this instance has lots of company.

### TIME FOR FUN

A Chicago business man insisted to us the other day that the average American business man didn't take off enough time for fun. "Why, here I am six days every week with my nose right up against the grindstone. And some days I come down early, stay late, and shorten up the noon hour. We ought to take it easier!"

We agree with him. Americans are hustlers, and often if they hustle with a little slower pace they achieve better business results. We've got the habit. We're speed fanatics, speed maniacs. Almost 500 deaths in Cook county by autos this year. We're in an awful hurry. What for? Because the other fellow is, and he's hurrying to beat US!

Let's take off more time just for fun. Down with the man who makes a merit out of getting down to business early! Let's have a picnic at least once a day.

### WOMEN VOTERS

If he observes the seriousness with which woman takes her responsibilities as voter mere man must confess that his sister should have been granted the franchise privilege some centuries ago. Women's clubs everywhere are learning how to vote intelligently. One of the most active committees in the club organization is the Civics and Legislation committee. It is apparent that the women's ballots cast in the fall elections will be thoughtfully marked.

Is it going too far to suggest that the average woman is better informed on civic questions than the average man? If she is not, it is not because of her lack of opportunities to learn. Moreover, she takes advantage of her opportunities. So far as we know men are not pursuing the study of politics so seriously as women. That's why it seems to us that the average woman is bound to be better informed.

### WILEVANSBROOK

Oddfellows of Evanston, Wilmette, Winnetka and Glencoe got together on Saturday, September 13, and united in an organization which they called the Wilevansbrook Encampment No. 177. This union will not only be strong in itself but will bring to each of its constituent lodges an access of ambition and vigor.

The Roman father by means of sticks taken singly and in a bundle showed the weakness of an individual and the strength of those individuals when bound together. But long before Roman times the strength of associated individuals had been proved. Indeed by uniting, the weaker of the lower animals showed themselves more than a match for the stronger.

As a vital association of lodges the new Wilevansbrook Encampment will have many opportunities for service commensurate with its size and influence.

### A HAPPY MAN

A friend of ours wanted an ice-box. He wanted a good one, but he also wanted to spend as little money as possible, being frugal. What to do? To make a short story somewhat shorter we will tell you without further delay that he got for \$7 an ice-box that was "worth \$35"—to quote his own words—"if it is worth anything."

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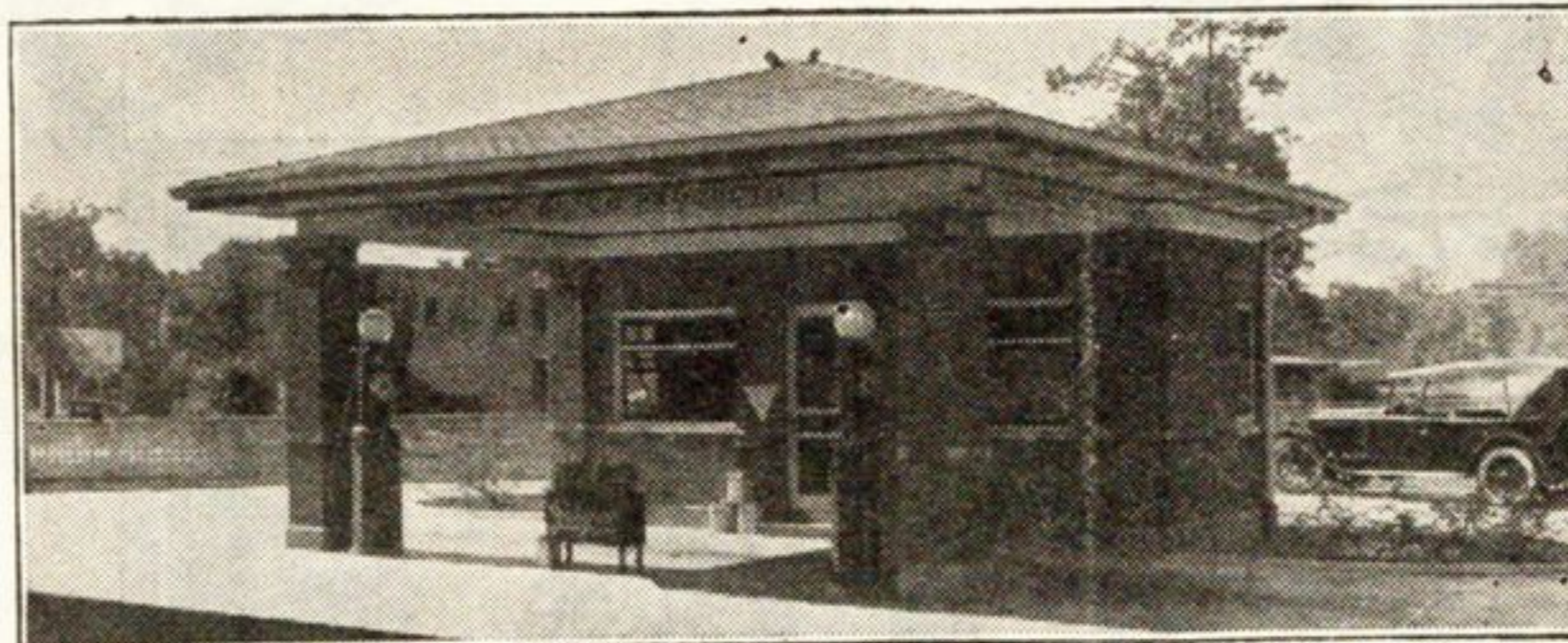
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