

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.*

TO SLEEP
*A flock of sheep that leisurely pass by,
 One after one; the sound of rain, and
 bees
 Murmuring; the fall of rivers, winds,
 and seas,
 Smooth fields, white sheets of water, and
 pure sky;
 I have thought of all by turns, and yet
 do lie
 Sleepless! and soon the small birds'
 melodies
 Must hear, first uttered from my orchard
 trees;
 And the first cuckoo's melancholy cry.
 Even thus last night, and two nights
 more, I lay,
 And could not win thee, Sleep! by any
 stealth.
 So do not let me wear to-night away;
 Without thee what is all the morning's
 wealth?
 Come, blessed barrier between day and
 day,
 Dear mother of fresh thoughts and joy-
 ous health!*
 —Wordsworth

FIRE PREVENTION
 Big fires can be prevented by a little care.
 From October 5 to 11 think especially of how you can prevent a fire from occurring and burning up all you care most for. Are all the wires in your house well insulated? Is there any rubbish in your basement, like loose papers and greasy rags, that would furnish good kindling for a fire? Have you seen the fire chief about that new oil-burning plant that you intend to install? Where do you keep matches? Where children and rats can easily get at them? When you start a fire in the field do you take care of it?
 Do you ever stop to think how dry the wood is in the walls and partitions of your home? And how easily all this dry wood could catch fire and how quickly it would rush from cellar to attic?
 And it wouldn't be out of place to ask you if your house is adequately insured. If it burned down tonight, could you rebuild it with the insurance money?
THINK HOW TO PREVENT A FIRE. THEN DO WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO!

HURRAH!
 We're back again on the good old one-time basis. Once more, thanks to the revolving earth, train-time and home-time are the same. 7:47 is no longer 6:47, and for seven months at least we won't have to worry as to whether when we go to meet some one at the station we'll be there an hour ahead of time, an hour behind, or exactly on time.
 We don't object to driving on the right hand side of the street or to eating soup quietly. They're reasonable requests. But we do dislike being forced to do unreasonable things, like living on a two-time schedule. They call it "Daylight Saving." It doesn't really SAVE time. It fools people into thinking that they are saving time. If a factory wants to save daylight for its employees why doesn't it put the working day an hour ahead? Begin work at 7 instead of 8 and knock off at 5 instead of 6. Make a law requiring the factory to change its hours.
 But the one-time schedule is here now. So let's all be happy.


REGISTER!
 Register on Saturday, October 4, or on Tuesday, October 14.
 To be allowed to vote at the fall elections one must have been registered as a qualified voter. There are three ways of being thus registered.
 1. The election judges make a more—or less—complete list of voters, consulting their own memories or previous poll books and registers.
 2. The voter, on election day, may make out an "affidavit of non-registered voter" together with a supporting affidavit of a householder.
 3. Register in person on October 4 or 14.
 The first way is unreliable. The voter's name may not be recorded. Many judges in the past have overlooked this very important duty. Many new voters are unknown to the judges.
 The second method causes inconvenience to the voter, the judges, and the householder involved.
 The third way is the best. It is sure and simple.
 So, no matter who you are, REGISTER ON OCTOBER 4 OR 14.

EDNA FERBER
 In Edna Ferber's latest novel, "So Big," occurs the following interesting sentence: "In the roadster again they slid smoothly out along the drive, along Sheridan road, swung sharply around the cemetery curve into Evanston, past the smug middle-class suburban neatness of Wilmette and Winnetka."
 ".....smug middle-class suburban neatness of Wilmette and Winnetka!" Edna calls us "smug" and "middle-class." That nettles us a bit. We don't object to being called suburban and neat, although the latter adjective suggests primness and perhaps fussiness. But "smug" and "middle-class!" Wow!
 Are we middle-class? If we are, who are high-class? Lake Forest? Chicago? Maybe Boston. Is Edna middle-class or high-class? Are college graduates low, middle, or high? Which of the three principal presidential candidates is beyond the pale? And how about Kenilworth and Glencoe?
 But what really riles us most is to be called "smug." Is it because we have well-kept lawns and clean-looking grounds that E. F. fastens on us this mean epithet? Does she honestly believe that we belong to the holier-than-thou set? Where did she get the idea that we're more self-satisfied, more tight and tidy, than the average run of humans?
 We must believe that Miss Ferber is writing from the point of view of sour urbans, who being shut within the walls of cities, sniff at those outside the walls in the comparative quiet and peace of the suburbs.

SELF CONTROL
 Some years ago a writer in Harpers' Weekly made the following sad commentary on mankind: "For the mass of mankind therefore the price of better things is too severe, for that price can be summed up in one word—self control."
 Better things are to be had, but the price to most people seems too high. The majority of men do not want to control themselves to the extent demanded for the getting of better things. They are like those invalids who know that a change of climate will do them good but refuse to make the effort.
 Is it possible to so bring up the youth of America that they will not regard the price of better things as too severe? We believe that it is possible. Two things must be done. 1st, Whatever native tenacity the child has inherited must be developed by appropriate exercise. 2nd, The child must by some means acquire a set of high ideals. If these two things are accomplished more of the future citizens of America will be ready to pay the price of better things.

If one wants to get a real taste of the old world he need not cross the ocean. He need not face the possibility of a digestive upset. He need not even come within sight of the ocean. Let him go no farther than Quebec, old French Quebec. There he will see a country and people surprisingly unlike those that he has left behind in the States. If he is fortunate he will see a fair that is quite old-world in its character. The people and streets will seem old, European in general appearance and in the language spoken and printed.

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