

CALLS TEACHING AN EXPERIMENT

Winnetka Educator Tells Kindergartners of "Laboratory" Methods

CITES CHILD'S RIGHTS

Says Child Has Right to "Own Way"

A scientific, open-minded attitude in regard to education is one of the most important qualifications for the modern teacher, according to statements made by Carleton Washburne, superintendent of the Winnetka public schools, in an address before the students of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college. School work should be more than a matter of teaching children—it should be a process of finding out how children can be better taught and developed. Mr. Washburne referred to the Winnetka public schools as "educational laboratories" in which the teachers are trying to find out what things should be taught to children and how they can best be taught. He also stressed the fact that inasmuch as Winnetka is typical of other progressive American communities, plans which are worked out there are especially valuable because they can be applied to school systems in other localities.

Mr. Washburne told something of the experiments which are being worked out by teachers in these schools, especially along the line of individual instruction. "It was once thought that it was not democratic to admit that children were different, but differences are real and you cannot get away from them. The public school system has tried to crowd children whose minds are radically different into a standard curriculum, and the result has been an irreparable injury to the child."

School Has Two Jobs

According to Mr. Washburne the school has two jobs—to train the children for the future, and to provide an environment in which children have a chance to live. "Adult life is no more important than child life," he said, "and yet the majority of children are living in an adult world. Childhood is too sacred a thing to be made entirely a preparation for grown life. Many things which the child does are a preparation for adult life, but children have a right to do things just because they want to do them."

Mr. Washburne's suggestion, based on the curriculum of the Winnetka schools, is that the child be allowed to proceed at his own pace, as rapidly as he, individually, is able to go; that one-half of the day be devoted to work which is unfeignedly preparation for adult life, and that the other half of the time be spent in simply living together and playing together in a child-like way.

Have Great Responsibility

"It is our job as teachers to recognize the responsibility on us, and realizing how little we know, to experiment as wisely and well as we can, following the lines that give the most promise of success, listening and watching the experiments of others and remembering, above everything else, that we are dealing with little children. This is a big job, and if it is well done we will leave to future generations a great deal. You have possibilities of influencing the lives of generations of children through your work. The children of today are the adults of tomorrow. Few of them will be teachers, but each one is going to help mold and shape public opinion, and if they have the right idea from you they will support the better kind of education in their day."

Social Happenings

Mrs. Charles Champlin of 2436 Orrington avenue, Evanston, has very kindly offered her home to the North Shore Musical society on Monday, May 11, for a special artists' program by Madame Sturkow Rider, with Miss Harriet Hebert assisting vocalist. Mrs. Rider will give interpretative numbers that will be of especial interest to a musical club.

The society met at the home of Mrs. Erna Akely for its April gathering and a special program and social hour were enjoyed by the members and guests. Mrs. Helen Stewart was in charge of the program, with Mrs. Evans the assisting hostess. It was a pleasure to hear again Mrs. Wilder, formerly Eloise Bedlam, in her Chopin selections, and as usual, she played in a manner well deserving of the applause given her. Miss Adelaide Jones gave opera selections as well as modern compositions in a charming way, with clear, lovely tone quality.

Miss Electa Austin showed herself equal to the classics which she interpreted splendidly. Mrs. Cree and

Mrs. Akely played a group for violin and piano with finished and beautiful tone. Dorothy Rae always pleases her listeners, and added Herbert Hyde numbers to her group that were particularly interesting and adapted to Miss Rae's lyric voice. Mrs. Seaver joined Miss Rae in a duet from "Lakme," and this merited the applause of all. The two violin numbers given by Mrs. Weixel and Mrs. Cree, made a fitting and brilliant conclusion, as they were skillfully and beautifully played.

Mrs. J. C. Akely and Mrs. Dirks poured tea at the close of the program and a delightful hour of social pleasure followed.

On Tuesday, May 5, Skokie club was the beautiful setting for the annual spring luncheon of the North Shore Catholic Woman's league. Over 100 members and guests attended the delightful affair. The guests of honor were Mrs. William Dever of Chicago, Mrs. F. W. Blocki, past president of the Tenth District, I. F. W. C., Mrs. William Fox, president of the Woman's Library club of Glencoe, and Mrs. Charles A. Barton, president of the Woman's Catholic Club of Wilmette. The Moderator, Rev. F. J. Haarth, was unable to be present, and Rev. F. T. Mayner of Highwood, asked the blessing.

Mrs. Lake, the speaker of the afternoon, gave an inspiring talk on "Our Girls of Today." Mrs. Lake spoke with deep insight and sympathy, and gave a most interesting and instructive talk. Parnell Egan, president of the Irish Fellowship club of Chicago, sang two groups of songs, both charming and delightful.

The president, Mrs. W. A. Kittermaster, in turning over the gavel to the newly elected president, Mrs. William Brown, spoke of the work that had been done by the club, particularly in a philanthropic way. Mrs. E. A. Tilroe on behalf of the league members, presented Mrs. Kittermaster with a beautiful silver flower bowl as a token of their appreciation of her splendid work during the past two years. A beautiful basket of flowers was presented to the incoming president. Mrs. Kittermaster made a personal gift of corsage bouquets to the guests of honor and to the two retiring members of the board, Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. William Dooley.

The North Shore Catholic Woman's league wishes to express its indebtedness and appreciation to Mrs. J. J. Enright, luncheon chairman, to Mrs. R. H. McColl, program chairman, and to Skokie Golf club for the delightful affair that brings to a close the work of the league for the year 1924-25.

Anchor Inn, the attractive tea room that the Delta Gamma sorority of Northwestern university is reopening for the benefit of its house fund, will open with a dinner-dance on Friday evening, May 15, in its new home, the clubhouse on the Evanston Community Golf course. Luncheon, afternoon tea, and dinner will be served, and private luncheons and bridge parties will be especially catered to.

The tea room will give service to the public at large, and is not for the exclusive patronage of members and guests of the Evanston Community Golf club.

Miss Louise Herdman of Edinburgh, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roland Whitman and Mrs. Whitman's mother, at 640 Hill road.

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BOBBED GIRLS PROVE BASHFUL

Maidens of Shorn Locks Are Hanging Back on Winnetka Beauty Contest

URGED TO SIGN UP

Winner Has Chance to Be "Miss Illinois"

What's the matter with the bobbed haired girls of Winnetka? A beauty contest, is in progress, conducted by the Village theatre assisted by WINNETKA TALK, which offers the opportunity for some Winnetka girl to go to Hollywood with all her expenses paid, and get a six months' contract with the Universal Film company at a salary of from \$50 to \$75 a week, and the entries to date have been extremely light.

The contest, as announced last week in WINNETKA TALK, began last Saturday will continue until late in June. It is the ambition of J. B. Koppel, manager of the Village theatre, who is directing the contest to select the prettiest bobbed haired girl in Winnetka and send her to Chicago where she will compete in the "Miss Illinois" contest, the winner of which gets a diamond ring valued at \$1,000, \$500 in cash, the six months' contract with Universal, all her expenses to Hollywood and back, and many other prizes.

In fact, the prizes are mounting almost daily. As the contest gets hotter in Chicago and other Illinois cities, the merchants of the state and elsewhere are becoming more and more generous. The lucky girl who is named "Miss Illinois" will receive a small fortune in gifts alone.

Only a few girls have registered for

the contest up to this time, and Mr. Koppel, urges that prospective Winnetka entrants lose no time in signing up as many details are to be attended to before the winner is chosen. It costs nothing to enter. Registration blanks may be had at the box office of the Village theatre, and these, mailed in with a photograph, or with a request for a personal appearance before the committee of judges will enter the girl formally in the contest. If she has no photograph and does not wish to make a personal appearance, her picture will be taken free of charge in Chicago.

The conditions of the contest are very simple. They are merely that the girl be 16 years old or more and that she have bobbed hair. There are many

girls in Winnetka who could fill those requirements, Mr. Koppel declares, and as the north shore is noted for its beautiful girls "Miss Winnetka" might easily become "Miss Illinois," to the everlasting glory of our village.

Also, it was announced by Mr. Koppel, that winning the contest does not in any way compel "Miss Illinois" to accept the contract with the Universal Film company, or any other offers of a similar nature. She may stay quietly at home, merely rejoicing in the knowledge that she is the prettiest bobbed-haired girl in the state and enjoying the many gifts she will obtain as the winner of the contest. Winnetka girls are urged to enter the contest, and show the state where the prettiest girls live. We believe it is in Winnetka!

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