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WASHBURNE HITS LOCK-STEP PLAN

School Head Calls the Old School System Menace to Child

WASTES TIME, MONEY

Gives Lecture Before Kindergarten College

The "class lock-step method" in force in the majority of our schools today, which forces all the children in a class to spend a given time, no more and no less, on each subject and takes no account of the individual differences in children, is a menace to every child at some time or other, according to Carleton W. Washburne, Winnetka superintendent of schools. In a lecture before students in the summer session of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college this week, Mr. Washburne said that under this system the unusually bright child learns to loaf, the slow child who is not forced to repeat classes acquires the habit of half-doing everything, and the child who is held back and made to repeat work which he does know in order to cover again the one or two subjects in which he has failed, becomes discouraged and takes it for granted that he can never be anything but a failure.

"If some diabolical being had thought out a scheme to throw natural leaders out of the running he couldn't have produced a much better plan than the "class lock-step method" by which your leader is made to keep pace with your average or slow child, and it is just as bad for the slower child."

Also Monetary Loss
"In addition to the loss in efficiency there is a loss which can be measured in dollars and cents. Statistics show that one child out of every four in the United States has to repeat from one to four grades. There are 5,000,000 children in our schools, and estimating that the average yearly contribution of the individual to society is \$1500, there is a loss through these mis-spent years, which is greater than the entire yearly cost of education in the United States. Can we afford this kind of waste, when the only return is inefficiency and failure?"

According to Mr. Washburne it is not necessary to organize our schools on a basis whereby we try to make all the pupils study the same thing in the same length of time. "It is not necessary to give the same work to the whole class and keep the whole school together. It is possible under public school conditions to let the child move forward at his own rate." This statement is based on Mr. Washburne's observation of the results of experiments in individual work in public schools here and abroad.

Emphasize Creative Work
The method of individual instruction which he suggests would allow about one half, or less, of the usual school time for the learning of definite lessons by the individual child. The remainder of the time would be spent in creative group activities which teach the children to live together, to cooperate and to contribute their individual knowledge for the benefit of the group as a whole. Under such a system, when the child has completed one lesson and knows it perfectly, he goes on with the next lesson. "He gets the habit of working just as hard and just as fast as he is able." He is kept with children of his own social age and development.

The work is divided into definite units of achievement. Self-instructive and

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URGE BOYS TO ATTEND RAVINIA SCOUT PROGRAM

Boys in the village, particularly those between the ages of 12 and 14 years, are invited to journey to Ravinia Thursday, July 9, to witness, in conjunction with the regular children's concert on that afternoon, a demonstration by Boy Scouts from Camp Roosevelt, at the Fort Sheridan army post.

Following a concert by the Chicago Symphony the Scouts from Camp Roosevelt, under direction of Major Beals, commandant of the camp, will give a graphic demonstration of camp work.

While the afternoon's program does not begin until 3 o'clock, boys are invited to come to the park any time before that hour, since the grounds afford excellent facilities for an outing and basket luncheon.

PROSPECTIVE HOLD-UP MEN LANDED IN CELL

William Merrill, Winnetka's "millionaire cop," made his first arrest last Friday afternoon, when he picked up two Chicago men who later admitted that they had planned a hold-up in the village. They were Van Hoyt, 1930 Warren avenue, and William Bull, 677 North Dearborn street.

The two had hired a taxi in Chicago and motored as far as Winnetka avenue when the machine ran out of gas. The chauffeur had become suspicious of the two men and when he went for gas called Merrill to question them. They were unable to give a convincing reason for their presence in the village and Merrill searched the cab, finding a revolver hidden in the cushions. It was found that the men had only 55 cents with them.

They were brought before Police Magistrate Clark T. Northrup Saturday, on charges of attempted hold-up, and were held over to the criminal court. They were sent to the county jail to await trial. Merrill is acting as a special policeman during the summer vacation period.

DAVIS SHOWS OUR FINANCES

Balance From Last Fiscal Year Is \$114,274.18

An interesting insight into the condition of Winnetka Village finances is given in the annual statement of Treasurer William E. Davis for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1925, of the receipts and expenditures of funds during that period.

The statement, as found in another column of this issue of WINNETKA TALK, shows a balance in the fund as of March 31, 1924, of \$12,018.38. General taxes for the year amounted to \$131,011.59, and the general income was \$94,984.15. Transfers from departments aside from the general income amounted to \$140,760.56, including \$29,160.56 as dividend from the electric department, \$1,600 as hydrant rentals refunded from the water department, and \$110,000 as a special transfer from the electric funds. The total income was \$366,756.30.

General expenditures, the statement shows, were \$264,500.50.

There was a balance in the treasury on March 31, 1925, of \$114,274.18.

Interesting items represented in the general income included \$5,441.10 in fines collected by the local justice courts, \$1,238.75 collected for dog licenses, \$2,687 for building permits, \$14,778 from auto and wheel tax, \$5,770.46 collected for police services; \$4,278.85 for applying tarvia, \$30,095.48 from garbage collections. There are shown a variety of other general items.

Public affairs headed the items of expenditures with \$97,235.17. The Public Works department was second with \$57,647.113. The Health department came next with \$45,231.77. The police department required \$39,579, while the expenditures for the fire department were \$16,562.16.

Lincoln Pacey's Injured When Auto Is Set Afire

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Pacey, 706 Ash street, were both burned painfully about the hands Wednesday evening of this week when their automobile caught fire as Mrs. Pacey was cleaning the upholstery with naphtha. The car was parked in front of their home, directly across the street from the Village hall. Mrs. Pacey was in the car when the fire started. She leaped from the machine before she was seriously burned, and her cries brought Mr. Pacey, who was burned while attempting to extinguish the blaze. The fire department was called and put out the blaze. The car was damaged to the extent of \$200. The Pacey's were preparing for a Fourth of July trip.

Winnetka Man Enters R. O. T. C. at Custer

Among the prominent college men who have gone to Camp Custer, Mich., this summer to attend the annual camp of the Reserve Officers' Training corps, is Waldo L. Gundlach, of 519 Willow street. Mr. Gundlach, who is night editor of the Daily Northwestern, and editor of the Purple Parrot, at Northwestern university, has been selected as the editor of the Blue Torch, which will be published by the R. O. T. C. students at this camp. He is from Northwestern university and is attending this year's camp with the contingent from that institution.

CHURCH HEARS DR. W. B. OWEN

Normal School Head at Services Here Sunday

Dr. William B. Owen, principal of the Cook County Normal school, will be the speaker at the morning services of the Winnetka Congregational church Sunday, July 6.

Dr. Owen has for his subject, "Religious Education," a topic which is receiving increasing attention in view of the alleged trend of the rising generation.

The church is making every effort to have Sunday services which are in accord with the season. Special attention is given not only to the selection of speakers, but also to the musical offerings.

There is an informality and neighborhood spirit in these summer services that has proved very attractive to those who have attended, it is explained.

Services begin at 11 o'clock.

FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS FACE DEPORTATION SOON

Winnetka is going to lose five residents soon. They are recent immigrants, who arrived in the United States and Winnetka via the international bridge at Niagara Falls, because the immigration quota is full. They are Jean McIntyre, 566 Lincoln avenue, Jessie Thompson, of the same address, John McIntyre, of 708 Prospect avenue, and Mrs. Agnes Clark, wife of Peter Clark of that address, and their baby. According to government officials they will be deported soon.

Clark told police that he had come to this country from Glasgow, Scotland, in the regular manner, leaving his wife in Scotland. He expected to bring her to America soon after, but found that the quota was full and that she could not be admitted. He sent for her at Christmas last year, and she came by way of Toronto with his sister-in-law, Jean McIntyre. Instead of entering through the United States customs office, which requires a bond of \$1,500, they crossed the bridge as Americans for 10 cents each.

Later on Clark's brother-in-law, John McIntyre, and another relative, Jessie Thompson, entered in the same manner. Immigration officials finally learned of the case and requested Chief W. M. Peterson to take them into custody. They were released while awaiting deportation on charges of violating the United States Immigration Act. Officials said that the quota from Scotland is filled until 1927.

Hubbard Woods Business Men Boost Ravinia Fund

The Hubbard Woods committee of the Ravinia club feel that their share of the campaign for selling admission books for the opera has been a particularly successful one. They have exceeded their 1924 quota by about \$400. A splendid response was accorded the workers by the local trades people, among them J. A. Odh, Hubbard Woods Grocery, Dini Bros. Sweet Shop, North Shore Pharmacy, G. L. Zick and company, Hubbard Woods Beauty Shop, Carlson Drug store, and Hubbard Woods Electric and Hardware store.

YOU

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WANT AD DEADLINE THURSDAY NOON



LAY CORNER STONE

Village President John S. Miller, Jr., will wield the trowel and deliver an address at the laying of the corner stone of the new Village Administration building, which will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Members of the council will be present for the occasion and village presidents and members of village councils from other north shore communities have been invited to attend.

The ceremonies will be under the direction of J. D. Pierce, member of the Winnetka Village council. They will begin with the address by President Miller, after which a chorus of girls from the Skokie school will sing.

Following this will be the presentation of documents, from Village organizations, which will go into the specially built copper box to be enclosed in the corner stone. A representative of each organization will be called by name and will come forward with his contribution. These will then be put into the box and sealed and the corner stone will be laid in place. Arrangements are being made for a large attendance at these ceremonies.

PUSH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT WAR

Committee Reports on Present Situation

During the past month the forces, under the direction of Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser, with the assistance of an engineer furnished by the Mosquito Abatement committee, have been diligently engaged in striving to reduce the number of mosquitoes hatched, by the use of drainage and of oiling the breeding places. In the Skokie also the forces of the Sanitary district have been busy.

In the matter of finances for the village work for this year, as has been previously announced in WINNETKA TALK, a request for contributions was sent to all the householders of the village and funds have been coming in until the last week in gratifying volume. However, less than half of the amount required for the year's work in Winnetka and vicinity has been received to date and it is earnestly hoped that sufficient additional contributions may be received in the near future to enable the work to be carried on throughout the summer and fall.

So far, due in part to the cool weather and in part to the work done in treating the breeding places, the number of mosquitoes has been very small in Winnetka. With the advent of continuous warm weather, however, and the probability of rains, it is only by increasing the work of abatement that the committee can hope for a continuation of the present freedom from the pest.

Council Considers New Ordinance on Signboards

Members of the Village council and of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce are considering a new signboard ordinance which will probably be brought before the council soon. The old ordinance is felt to be inadequate, as it merely provides that no signboard of more than nine square feet in area shall be erected in the residence districts. The council has under consideration a more comprehensive ordinance which will be drafted soon. The Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with Village officials in this matter.

Interstate Commission Hears Petition on Rates

Despite protests from the Illinois Commerce Commission, before which the matter of a 20 per cent increase in commutation fares is pending with a hearing set for July 15, the Interstate Commerce Commission Monday and Tuesday of this week held a hearing on the subject of commutation rates. The action was taken at the request of the Chicago and North Western railroad, which was the only line to present evidence before the Interstate commission. Eighteen roads, including the North Western, are petitioning the Illinois commission.

OPENS RENTAL LIBRARY

The many friends of Mrs. Guy Stuart Bailey will be interested to hear that she is opening a rental library in The Elizabeth Duncan shop, July 13. As there seems to be a great demand for the most recent fiction, she will specialize in that type of literature. This venture of Mrs. Bailey's promises to be very popular with the book lovers of Winnetka, it is thought.

CALL CITIZENS TO 4TH EVENTS

Morning and Afternoon Programs Mark Independence Day Celebration

SPORTS IN VARIETY

Lay Cornerstone of Administration Building

Winnetka's 38th annual Community Fourth of July celebration will draw all residents to the Village green for the exercises and entertainment which will be given there this afternoon and evening.

The program of the day will begin at 10:30 o'clock this morning, with a ball game at the Lake Front park. Sports and swimming races will occupy the morning and at 2 o'clock the laying of the corner stone of the new Administration building will begin the afternoon exercises. There will be a band concert during the afternoon by the Chamber of Commerce band, directed by J. Lawrence Swihart, of Evanston, and a message on preparedness from the War department will be read during the exercises at the Village green by Lieut. Co. H. C. Bayless, R. O. C., of Evanston.

The following persons are responsible for the organization and direction of the celebration:

Large Committee in Charge
Henry K. Urion, general chairman; Myron E. Adams, assistant general chairman.

Finance committee—H. A. De Windt, chairman; M. K. Meyer, treasurer. Athletic committee—Charles J. Eastman, chairman; Thomas S. Bulger, Wm. S. Miller, A. Earl Bryson, Howard H. Hoyt, R. J. Locke, Dr. Davies Lazear, Wm. C. Boyden, Jr., S. Bowles King.

Entertainment committee—Dorr C. Price, chairman; Theodore G. Rockwell, Mrs. P. W. Bradstreet, Miss Ruth Matz, Taliaferro Milton, Carter Harrison, Jr., Charles F. Harding, Jr., Alfred D. Herrmann, Edwin P. Price, Dwight P. Green, W. Hubbard Keenan. Music committee—Frederick O. Mason, chairman, Burdette P. Mast, Orval Simpson, Mrs. Edwin W. Ellis, Mrs. John W. Hansel, Jr.

Grounds committee—H. L. Woolhiser, chairman; Carl H. Zeiss, Edwin J. Thompson, Stewart Weston, Frank A. Windes.

Prize committee—Robert S. Laird, chairman; Roger K. Ballard, Merritt Lum, Edwin R. Keeler, Wm. Ayer McKinney.

Program committee—Lloyd Hollister, chairman; L. B. Kuppenheimer, Mrs. William G. Hibbard, Merritt Starr; Alfred E. McCordic.

Track and Field Officers:
Judges—J. J. McKeown, Wm. P. MacCracken, J. P. Gillies, Fred Richardson, Jr., Henry T. Stanton, Barrett Conway.

Clerks of course—Marcus D. Richards, R. Heath Davis, Howard R. Walton, S. Edwin Earle.

Starter—Frank Whitney. Announcers—Theodore Flynn, Robert C. Meloney.

Custodian of prizes—Robert H. Wallace.

Morning Program
The morning program is as follows: 10:30 a. m.—Soft Ball game, Lake Front Park; 10:30 a. m.—Baseball game, Winnetka vs. Evanston, Skokie Playground. At the Beach—10:30 (Continued on Page 3)

Car Hits Harold Ickes; Driver Makes Getaway

Harold L. Ickes, 900 South Private road, Hubbard Woods, was struck and knocked down by a vampire car, which sped on without stopping last Saturday morning, as he was on his way to the Hubbard Woods station. No witnesses to the accident have been found up to the present time.

Ickes was crossing Green Bay road, at Private road, when the accident occurred. He did not see the car that struck him, and does not know who took him to his home. He was semi-conscious shortly after the accident. Police are searching for witnesses who may be able to give them a clue by which they may trace the driver of the car. Mr. Ickes was not seriously injured.

MRS WILLIAM HUBBARD DIES

Mrs. William Hubbard, Mother of Mrs. Lyman Weld, 983 Vine street, passed away Monday, June 29, following a brief illness. A recent operation proved unavailing. The remains were taken to Elgin, Ill., Wednesday, July 1.