

DON'T RUN AWAY FROM ACCIDENT

Motorists Given Sound Advice by Official

"Many motorists who become involved in automobile accidents, out of which law suits are likely to develop, do not know what to do at the time of the accident" says a bulletin issued by the legal department of the Chicago Motor club.

"In personal injury cases, of course, the first thing is to get medical aid for the injured. Some bystander may be entrusted with the task of getting the names of witnesses, while the injured persons are being hurried to a hospital. The first thing to be remembered is that law cases are won not by the brilliance of counsel, but by the facts as presented in the evidence, and evidence cannot be manufactured at the time of trial; it must be obtained at the time of the accident.

Tells What to Do

"The answer to the question 'What shall I do in case of accident?' is: 'Get the evidence.'

"It must be shown, first that the defendant was guilty of negligence and that the plaintiff was not guilty of negligence. In the next place it must be proved that the defendant or his agent was driving the car at the time of the accident. Then it must be shown what the actual damages are.

"The violation of any law or ordinance constitutes negligence.

In getting evidence, one of the best helps a motorist can have is a camera. If a camera is not a part of your equipment, a good pencil sketch of the scene of the accident should be made. Witnesses are, of course, important, and in this connection it is well to remember that a disinterested witness, a bystander, is more valuable than one of the occupants of your car, who might be regarded as too much in sympathy with your case. It is advisable to seek witnesses in houses or in stores or office buildings near the scene of the accident.

Note Pavement Condition

"After you have obtained the names and addresses of your witnesses, and of the driver of the other car, make a note of the weather conditions, and of the nature of the pavement. Step off the distance from the curb to the point of accident; note skid marks that tell where the brakes were applied. Take the name, address and license number of the driver of the other car, put it in writing and take a good look at him so that you will be able to identify him in court later.

"Do not trust the affable driver who admits he was in the wrong and tells you that his insurance company will send you a check for the damages. This is often a ruse used to make you forget to jot down the name and address of the affable driver.

"When you are ready to go into court you must be in a position to prove your damages. The sworn testimony of the repair man who does your work is the best proof of damages. The Appellate court has handed down an opinion that a receipted repair bill is prima facie evidence of work done, but lacking a ruling from the Supreme court, many lower courts still require the sworn testimony of the repair man, and will not accept a receipted bill as evidence."

Catholic Girls' School Begins Classes Sept. 9

Classes at the Mallinckrodt, the north shore Catholic high school for girls on Ridge avenue near Lake avenue, will begin Wednesday, September 9, according to a statement issued this week by Sister Alberta, principal of the school.

"The Mallinckrodt is open to students desiring to register, any day after August 22," reads the statement. "It is desirable that all registrations be made before September 1. Class enrollment will take place September 8, and classes will be resumed September 9, after a high mass beginning at 9 o'clock.

"For the convenience of students desiring to make use of the North Shore line bus service, arrangements are being made to have the bus stop at Lake avenue instead of Wilmette avenue."

Lighting of Highways Deterrent to Accidents

Highway lighting in New York is reducing accidents, according to a report from the touring bureau of the Chicago Motor club. The heavily traveled highway between Albany and Schenectady has been equipped with a lighting system for 11 of the 15 miles. The lights are mounted on poles of the power line 300 feet apart and 30 feet high, with 250 candle power lights.

The road between the two cities runs without a turn and despite the heavy traffic there was a tendency to speed. The powerful searchlights of interurban trolley cars beside the road added to the dangers of this section, and numerous accidents and frequent fatalities took place. The installation of the lighting system has eliminated most of the accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Murray of 832 Bryant avenue, are on a camping trip at State Line, Wis.

North Shore Funeral Home to Open Sept. 1

The North Shore Funeral Home, conducted by Frederick Lewis, assisted by Mrs. Lewis, will open its doors at 1120 Central avenue September 1.

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Chamber of Commerce Secretary on Vacation

Miss Ruth Forberg, secretary of the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce, is to begin her vacation Monday, August 31, and will be away from her office for two weeks.

Early next week Miss Forberg will attend a Chamber of Commerce conference at Bloomington, Ill., from whence she will go to Powers' Lake, Wis.

Miss Mabel Forberg will be in charge of the Chamber of Commerce offices during the absence of the regular secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Janney, 657 Spruce street, and Miss Marjorie are at Twin Lake Villa, New London, N. H., and will return to the village the latter part of September.

Mrs. William B. Hale and family of 900 Willow road are at Madison, Conn., where they have taken a house for the late season. They will not return to the village for a few weeks.



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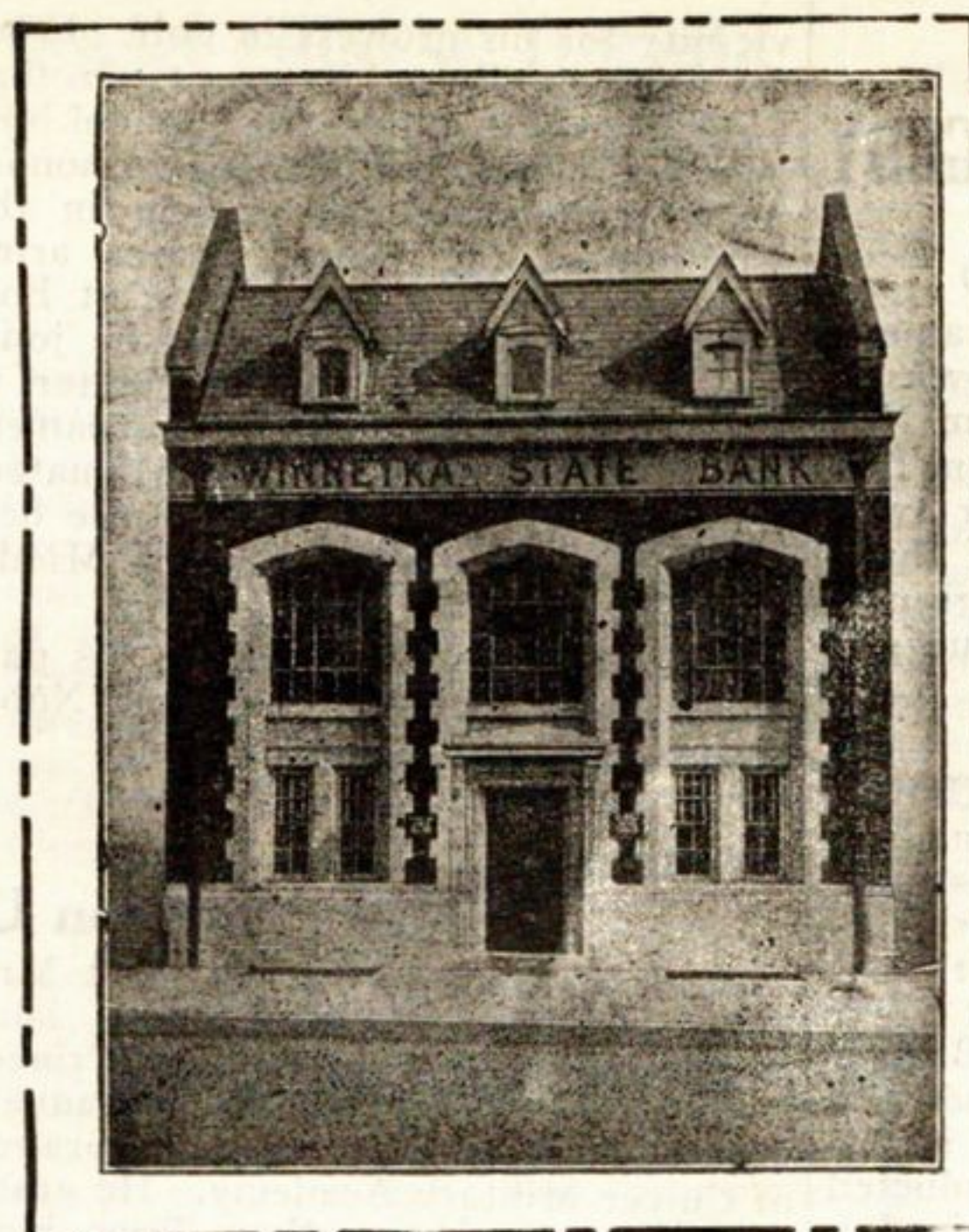
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