

# WINNETKA TALK

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## C. M. T. C.—

THE youth of today has not suffered the humiliation that was the lot of those who, nine years ago, submitted themselves to the examining boards of the army and found themselves unfit for military service. The astounding report of those examinations is not read by the present generation, and its lessons consequently are unlearned.

One of the purposes of the Citizens Military Training Camps is to keep young men fit for military service, should that ever be required. But chiefly it is important as a means of revealing to men of military age such weaknesses in their physical make-up as would render them ineligible for duty should the service of the nation's manhood again be demanded.

Nothing is more important to the individual than his health. Without that, nothing is perfect. And nothing is so generally neglected. A yearly submission to the tests of the army would establish beyond question one's physical soundness. Participation in the activities of the military training camp will go far towards maintaining it. Young men of this district should make their plans to include the month's sojourn in the training camp to be held at Ft. Sheridan, from August 3, to September 1, and make early application for enrollment.

## Walk!

"WHY walk?" says the street car automobile advertiser. He implies that it's foolish to walk when you can ride in an auto at so little expense.

And on the same day that we read this question on the street car card we read an article in the WGN by Dr. Evans on "The Habit of Walking," wherein the Doctor shows that walking is good for people of all ages, especially for those well on in years. He says in the article that the superintendent of the southern Illinois hospital walked 2,700 miles "this year." Of course he meant last year. That's an average of 7½ miles a day. He says that this man, although more than 70, is "heartily, hale, vigorous."

Walking is good for everybody, except the very few who really cannot walk. In winter, more than in summer, walking is fine exercise. It is a natural exercise, requiring no apparatus and no victrola or radio. It's an exercise that a man, woman, or child can engage in almost every day in the year. It's not a violent exercise and can scarcely be overdone. It is done usually in the open air.

"Why walk?" A fool question!

## Community Chests

NO self respecting community can get away from its obligation to the poor who help to compose it. There is a responsibility to the unfortunate that must be recognized. It only remains to determine how it shall be met, how best to provide the aid that conditions require. The growing popularity of the Community Chest seems to demonstrate the fact that this method of caring for the dependent members of the community is a satisfactory one.

Business principles govern the disposition of funds that are subscribed to a Community Chest. Business men and women determine where contributions shall go. There is the minimum of sentimentality in such an institution and the maximum of efficiency in performance of the purpose served.

## The Town Meeting

DWELLERS in a town have one distinct advantage over city people. The latter may have more immediate access to places of culture and entertainment, but town dwellers can exercise a more direct interest in the details of their own government. They can inspect the workings of their own legislators and executives at closer range.

The town meeting is a notable example of this opportunity of villagers to participate in the administration of their own civic affairs. City people are theoretically self governing, but how in a city of millions, like Chicago, can the individual get close enough to really see the parts of the big machine? But in a town like those on the north shore the population and area are small enough to allow this intimate acquaintance.

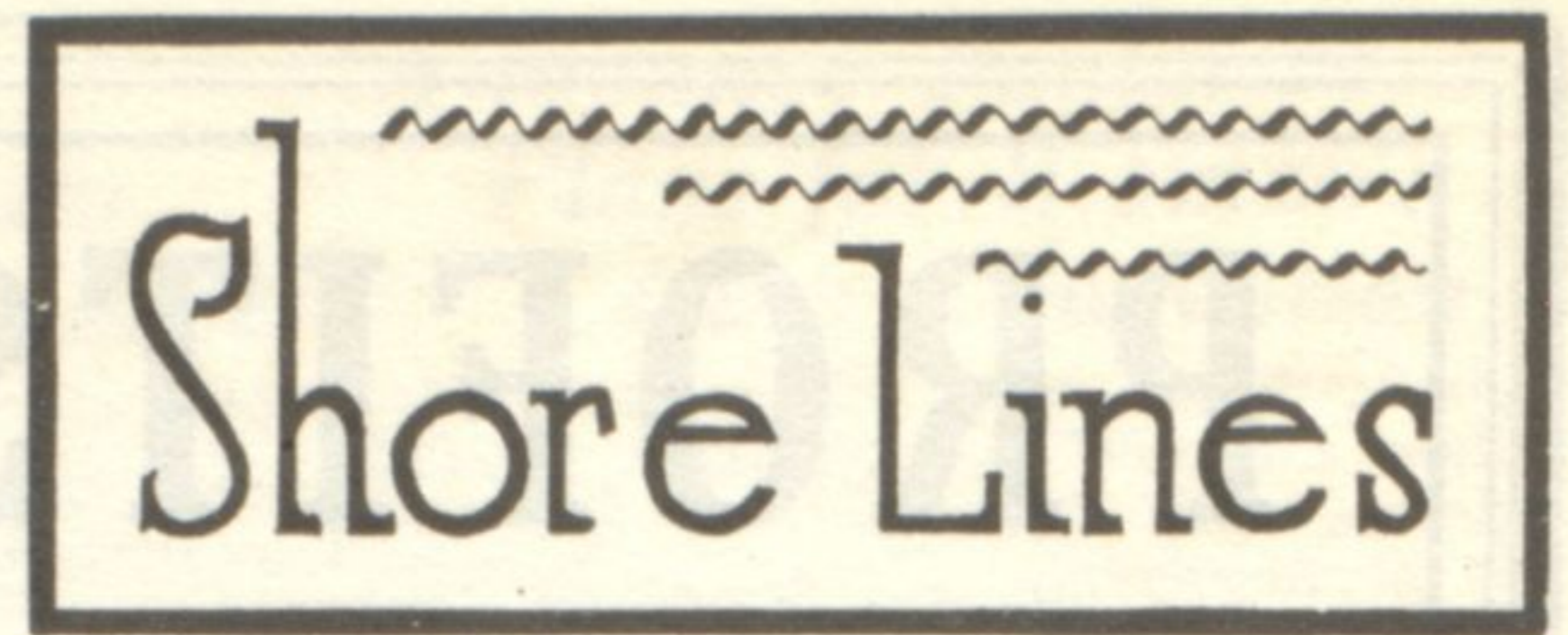
Every resident in Winnetka was invited to be present at the village caucus March 15. The nominating committee presented to the assembly the names of candidates. Opportunity was given for any one present to take part in the discussions. It was a people's meeting in the true sense of the word, the only limitation to discussion and criticism being the well known parliamentary rules.

Similar meetings are held in other New Trier towns. Similar freedom is enjoyed in these meetings. So long as these village caucuses are held, our various village governments can be kept healthy and efficient.

## Be Thoughtful

EVERY day several of the electric street lights in Winnetka are broken by boys who evidently regard them as fine targets. It is reported that most of the breakings take place near the schools. What does the breaking of one of these bulbs mean? It means the loss of the illumination usually given by this light, and this darkness may mean an accident or a theft. It means a loss of dollars and cents, money partly contributed by the fathers of these boys. It means the forming in these boys of the habit of disrespect for public property. It means time and labor spent in replacing these lights.

We urge parents to impress upon their sons early in life the lesson of civic pride and responsibility; to emphasize the difference between destruction and construction; to show them that thoughtfulness for others brings the only true and lasting happiness.



## SUMMER TIME

*I sing the song of Summer Time,  
The end of Winter's reign!  
Of singing birds and daffodils  
And violets come again!*

*No longer now the somber day  
With features cold and wan  
Glides early to the arms of night  
And lingers there at dawn!*

*But springing up, all bright with dew,  
It shouts with glad acclaim  
The coming of the Summer Time,  
When violets bloom again!*

*Sing all ye birds your tuneful lays  
And softly blow ye wind!  
God's breath is warming all the earth  
To bring sweet Summer Time!*

—H. A. MILLS

Being firmly convinced that we were largely responsible for the arrival of Spring (through our constant printing of spring poetry) we are now going to start plugging for Summer. Mr. Mills must have guessed our intention as he sent the above poem before we had even hinted at our plans.

## You're Wrong About Us, Laurel; We Hope We've Passed the Age When We'd Take Seriously Anything Any Woman Said.

Sir: How very egotistical you are! Surely you did not think that I worked for almost an hour on the phrasing of my last contribution, and that I walked two blocks to a neighbor's home to borrow a typewriter merely for the pleasure of knowing your eyes read it! I have never made a column in my life, and noting the bachelor trend of your column, I went to great pains to select a subject suitable for Shore Lines. If the flippant personal paragraph is the result of my labors, I may as well stay home and continue sewing on my hook rug. I cannot believe it is possible you were gullible enough to take my contribution seriously! Besides, I am never in Wilmette.

—LAUREL

P. S. Pardon. Believe I made T. R. C.'s column in the Glencoe News once.

Dere Slave:

*A sign of spring  
A gentle flower  
A gladsome leaf  
Made all a bower  
A timid worm  
Poked up his dome  
Oh the pity of it all  
Some more snow come!*

—ELFRIEDA.

## No, Lydia, We Didn't; Are You Spooing Us? Dearest Slavy:

Did you read that Miss Pillsbury rendered a piano piece at New Trier the other night? Was she the flour of the family, is her sister's name Cery Sota or is it eventually why not now?

—LYDIA.

## FLOWERS

*Flowers were blown by the  
Little god Joy  
Down to the earth to play;  
Blown down to the earth  
To an invalid boy  
To brighten an irksome day—*

*The little boy loved the  
Flowers so,  
And cared for them with a heart  
So gay  
That the flowers grew to  
Love him too,  
And came down to the earth to stay.*

—GEORGE CLAYMORE.

Now that every man has done his duty by going to the polls and voting can't you notice the great improvement in our fair land? Well, if every one of you voted, it won't be long before you can.

THE SLAVE.