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A. Franco, painter and decorator of 480 Rosewood avenue, is doing that job of "slicking up" the new Village fire station at Ridge avenue and Ash street. Mr. Franco has done a great deal of similar work on various public buildings in Winnetka.

### BAPTISM SERVICE

A special service when children may be presented for baptism will be held at Winnetka Congregational church, Sunday, November 7 at 3:30. All who are interested are requested to speak to one of the ministers at once.

### OPEN FORUM

Editor,  
Winnetka Talk.

The article in your issue of October 23, dealing with music study at the Skokie school has stirred emotions which compel expression.

Whatever outward show we may make of modesty, we are all inwardly and rightly proud of Winnetka. Not to rejoice in being a part of Winnetka is to be unmindful of blessings so numerous as to make their exact appraisal difficult. Are we not, however, too often content with the easy course, that of assuming superior excellence in all things? If Winnetka does it, it must be right? In this attitude toward our beloved Winnetka at times lead us astray and bind us to the attainment of others beyond the confines of our village?

Music study at Skokie school is splendid. May it continue, expand and improve! But, Skokie school is not "one of the most musical public schools extant," nor is any Winnetka public school. To assume otherwise clouds our vision and hampers progress. The condition at Skokie school and at our other Winnetka public schools is better described in the con-

cluding sentence of "Music Critic's" article than in his opening paragraph. The concluding sentence reads "There is much to be done, but we have a beginning."

Many years ago, Mr. Stock, one of the great musical educators of this day, offered, and has since conducted, a series of children's orchestral concerts as an effective and sure way of instilling musical culture in the coming generation. A second contemporaneous series was required to take care of the children.

Almost five years ago, Mrs. Marian Cotton, in charge of musical activities at New Trier High school, conceived and placed in operation the Music Memory contest which now includes the High schools and the grade schools of parts of Chicago, most of its suburbs and certain nearby schools in Indiana and Wisconsin. The final contest is held in Orchestra hall with the Chicago Symphony orchestra and Mr. Stock conducting. The high schools contest separately from the grade schools. In the high school contest New Trier has the enviable record of two first and two second prizes. In the grade school contest Wilmette has a like record and Glencoe was twice third. Winnetka "also ran" one year and thereafter withdrew.

At New Trier this Music Memory (Continued on Page 52)

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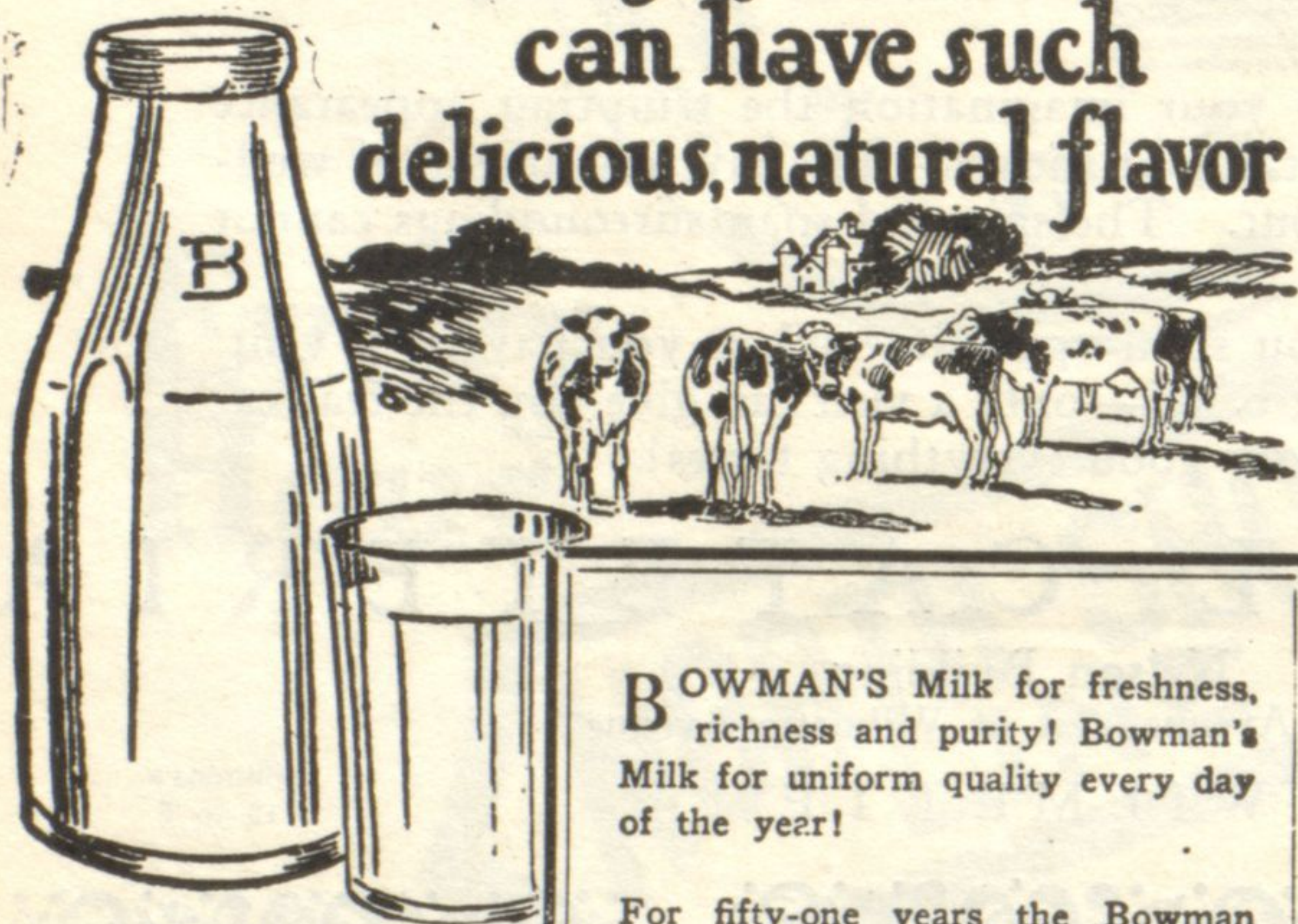
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