

# WINNETKA TALK

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The north shore's best wishes go out to Elmer Adams, retired Winnetka Postmaster. Since he first assumed these duties in 1909 he has seen children grow from infancy into youth, and many from youth into manhood and womanhood. For almost a score of years he has witnessed the growth of that community in population, wealth, and civic character.

## Elmer E. Adams

As the head of that institution which keeps one in touch with one's more or less distant friends, Elmer Adams has rendered a frequent and neighborly service. May he live long and prosper!

It is the primary aim of our north shore police not to punish but to prevent. Their efficiency is determined not by the number of arrests they make but by the amount of trouble they prevent. No one can deny that a policeman is often tempted to abuse his authority and make as many arrests as he can. But we believe that our police regard themselves first as regulators and only second, as arresters.

## Prevention, Not Punishment

Other things being equal that policeman is the best who has least trouble in his district. Not so long ago the most efficient officer of the law was he who hauled most offenders into court. Reminding one of the tremendous reputation of the Indian warrior who had most bloody scalps hanging from his belt.

The entire North Shore has sufficient reason to be proud of the great music festival given every year in Evanston. It is not a local affair, supported by a single community, but is looked forward to, attended, and enjoyed by residents of all that large and favored suburban area known as the North Shore. In fact, steam, electricity, and gas bring to the festival people from Chicago and from as far north as Lake Bluff.

## Music Festival

This year during the week beginning Monday, May 23, there will be a series of wonderful programs presented in Patten Gymnasium. The outstanding features will be the appearance of world-renowned vocal soloists—Austral, Loring, and Lewis, sopranos; Doe and Braslau, altos; Johnson and Althouse, tenors; Stevens and Tibbett, baritones. Surely a notable company.

A thoroughly trained chorus of 600 will present Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Williams' "Sea Symphony"; the latter likely to arouse great enthusiasm, judging from the present high reputation of its composer, an Englishman who has produced choral pieces of unusual beauty and breadth. Also on

the week's program will be a Children's chorus of 1,500, to see and hear which will be a stimulating experience. In addition to these two bodies of singers, the Dean Lutkin's A Cappella choir will participate.

Those who set orchestral music above all other forms will be inspired by numbers from the splendid Chicago Symphony Orchestra directed by Stock. The festival will contribute its quota to the general effect, and Mischa Levitski, pianist, also will appear. All these elements go to make up the North Shore Festival, an institution successful from its very inception, bringing inspiration to thousands of people, old and young.

Every community, served by men and women in public office without pay, owes to these same men and women a debt of gratitude which it can best discharge by intelligent co-operation. These public servants attend board and committee meetings regularly and often at no little sacrifice of their private interests. They make long and painstaking, and not seldom, disagreeable investigations of conditions that demand a remedy. Frequently they are made the mark of bitter and prejudiced criticism, and at times of open hostility.

## Without Pay

But they keep right on in spite of exhausting work and attacks, rendering service that is as truly patriotic as any rendered by captain or colonel. When a project is on foot like the building of a village hall, the unpaid leader and his helpers see it through to a finish.

Let us work with them, offering suggestion and service ungrudgingly and in a friendly spirit. When called on for assistance, let us respond quickly and generously, emulating their attitude and activity.

# PUBLIC FORUM

## AN OPEN LETTER

The Honorable Carl R. Chinblom, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

During the past decade I have been in nearly every town in the Middle West with a population of 10,000 or more.

In town after town and village after village I have seen a post office out of all proportion to either the size or the commercial needs of the place. A post office that represented the best architectural ability purchasable. A building that reflected credit not only on the place but on the great government of which it stood as a representative.

Winnetka makes few demands from the public purse. It is our boast that we are ready to dig into our own pockets for public improvements. We have built a \$300,000 school by popular subscription. We have in the last years erected a new Village hall, a new fire station, a new Municipal yard and a broad mall that is as much a thing of beauty as it is of convenience.

Let me likewise remind you of our war record. First over the top in every drive, our sons, our money and our personal services were gladly, even gayly given to our government.

Do you know our village? Have you seen it in the past year? Between the library and the Village hall is a piece of land owned by the Village. On it should rise a post office. At present the Post office is in two dingy rooms inadequate for their needs.

The business men's association have already suggested to you and to the postal authorities the need for a post office on this site. What is being done about it and what are you willing to do to see such a building erected in Winnetka?

Yours truly,  
March 9, 1927

L. J. Schwabacher.

# SHORE LINES

## POLITICAL NEWS

WITH NO LESS AN AUTHORITY THAN DR. FRANKLIN DAVIS BARKER OF THE NEARBY WILDCAT SEAT OF LEARNING GIVING ASSURANCES OF AN EARLY RETURN OF THE BLUEBIRDS, ROBINS, ETC., THE GENTLE CITIZENS OF NEW TRIER MAY NOW PROCEED, WITHOUT FEAR OF SERIOUS INTERFERENCE FROM ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS, WITH THE SEASONABLE BUSINESS OF CONTEMPLATING THE VARIOUS ENTRIES IN THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL SPRINTS FOR VARIOUS AND SUNDRY ELECTIVE OFFICES OF TRUST AND HONOR.

Not to be outdone by their fellow New Trierites to the south, Glencoe citizens late last week emulated the example of Wilmette by negotiating preparations for a nice little political disturbance all their own. Even as in Wilmette, the northernmost inhabitants of the township, politely, though firmly, poo-pooed those long in temporal authority and set about to establish a new order of things politically.

Winnetka and Kenilworth have, thus far, witnessed no such untoward action, though, in the instance of the first named community, there has been considerable discussion of a worthy successor to its retiring chief administrator. Prominent among these possibilities is one, who, in days of yore, bore the interesting title of poet-policeman. But that is a story in itself which will bear keeping for the nonce.

Winnetka also faces the problem of electing a town marshal-collector, which office, one is reliably informed, carries with it the sole obligation of collecting some five hundred good dollars per annum in exchange for a whatever distinction such office may afford.

In Wilmette—the scene of many a thrill-compelling political storm—bosom companions of less trying times are observed these days to pass on opposite sides of the street, ready for the "draw" should emergency require. So seething hot is the temperature that many of our best forecasters are venturing the opinion that the apparent premature arrival of spring may be attributed to a widespread radiation of the Wilmette atmosphere throughout the township.

Wilmette village authorities are said to be considering some emergency legislation permitting lawn sprinklers to operate more or less continuously until after election day, after which time the usual restrictions would be restored.

The villages plan to ballot on the question of establishing municipal bands this spring. They are expected to come in handy for future political campaigns.

## Goodnight!

From the Chi-Trib—"Col. Charles Goodnight, 91 years of age, has married a 26 year old telegraph operator at Clarendon, Tex."

## And a Lot of Poor Worms!

Mique—"Early Robins' spent winter here!" headlines the estimable News-Index.

—Dr. Jack.

## Though Not Roarin'

Dear Mique—  
A rippin' good time should be had when the Ripon college Glee club makes its appearance on the north shore.

—Quisitor

April should bring a shower of ballots.

MIQUE