

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Editor, Winnetka Talk—

A reply to the "Committee of Fifty" Under date of March 19 there was sent to each Winnetka householder, sponsored by a "Committee of Fifty," a circular of protest against the proposed vote to increase the local tax rate by two mills for the maintenance of a municipal band.

The circular states that the committee is not opposed to the idea of a village band, but suggests that a more appropriate means of financing such an institution would be by popular subscription.

But popular subscriptions are not self-propelling. Someone must volunteer to take it upon himself to solicit such funds every year and also supervise its proper administration. The Committee has not proposed anyone for that duty nor has any member of the Committee indicated a willingness to contribute to such fund.

The proposed two mill assessment would increase my general tax bill about \$1.80. For my part, I would be willing to pay several times \$1.80, if need be, to support so worthy a public institution.

The town of Blue Island already has a municipal band supported by such self-imposed taxation, and beyond doubt there are many other towns in Illinois which have adopted such plan. It is well known that nearly all, if not every town of some size in Europe, each supports its municipal band, which is recognized as one of its cultural institutions.

Is Winnetka willing to admit that any other community leads us in cultural aspirations or in ability to support such a public institution?

Has the Committee of Fifty taken into account the money paid out every year by Winnetka citizens for band music for local celebrations?

If the proposed two mill tax will yield a fund of \$14,000, (as the Committee states) there will be available more than enough to cover the cost of equipping and maintaining a forty or fifty-piece band and to pay the players the union scale for all public performances, and no more "digging up" every year, by generous and public-spirited citizens.

But it will not take any such sum as \$14,000 to carry on this project—in all probability not more than half that amount.

Therefore, the actual assessment would more than likely be under one mill on the valuation figures.

In our public schools we have organized bands and orchestras and the popular interest manifest by the students is attested by the large number of pupils who have taken on such musical studies. Upon completion of their school days, the boys and girls also graduate out of the school band. Then he or she must either go on with his or her musical education or drop it altogether. In the latter case, the time and effort previously spent would prove a total loss. But if we have a Municipal band, under the baton of a paid director, these boys and girls would find it possible to go on with their musical development and Winnetka could have a village band whose performance would be a credit to the community.

Harry M. Lay,  
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**TOURS WEST COAST**

U. C. Abel, of the Exide Battery Service of Winnetka, 552 Lincoln avenue, left Wednesday evening for Los Angeles, Cal., from whence he goes to San Francisco to join some friends with whom he will tour the West Coast states, including a trip through British Columbia.

**Mrs. Smiley Blanton Gives Series of Talks on Child**

Evanston mothers interested in child study are this week enjoying the visit of Mrs. Smiley Blanton of the Child Guidance clinic, Minneapolis, who is spending the week in Chicago under the auspices of the School of Domestic Arts and Science, 350 Belden avenue.

Mrs. Blanton, who is giving a series of five talks on child study, afternoons at 2 except yesterday and today when they are given at 11, is today discussing "Day by Day in the Nursery," and tomorrow her subject will be "Parents and Children." The talks are given in the assembly room of the school. Mrs. Blanton has recently accepted a post in the Vassar Euthenics institute, and will teach child psychology there during the month of July.

**PURCHASES NEW HOME**

W. G. Stacey and company, real estate brokers, report the sale through their Wilmette offices, of the French Normandy house built by Drake Bros., and located at 320 Third street, Wilmette, to Otto J. Dreibus of Winnetka. Mr. Dreibus will occupy his new home about the first of April.



**Easter Novelties and Candies**

The little Furry Easter Bunnies have arrived, along with all manner of novelties. Chocolate rabbits, eggs, and baskets of the finest variety.

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**Cashier Notes Principal Reason for Accumulation of Interest**

F. A. ANDREW, Cashier, First National Bank of Wilmette, is frequently to be found at "the round table" at luncheon time.  
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SOME of my friends who have said things in this space in the last few weeks have spoken of lunching at the Central Cafeteria Round Table for the reason that they can meet so many of their business friends there.

I'll go them one better. As a bank cashier my job is to meet and talk to Wilmette people all day long. But still I find particular pleasure in meeting the group at the Round Table at noon.

I suppose they all went there for good food first and discovered, as I did, that there is plenty of goodfellowship there as well.

*Frank A. Andrew*

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**CENTRAL CAFETERIA**

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