

Violin Instruction Not Regular Course for Local Schools

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The development of a school orchestra at the Skokie school has been proceeding favorably for the past three or four years. Until this year, however, we have had to begin all orchestra work at Skokie without previous foundation. For this reason, on the advice of Thomas Whitney Surette of Concord, Mass., who acts as our music adviser, we have introduced violin instruction in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in the lower schools. Great interest is being shown by the parents and the children who have started lessons. We shall soon have an orchestra in each grade school.

Miss Mary Nancy Graham, the instructor, comes with an exceptional record of achievement in this line of work. She has been highly complimented by music critics for her success with children. She is a pupil of Max L. Fischel, of the Chicago Musical college, and has been an auditor to Prof. Leopold Auer's teaching, and this past summer attended the Surette school in Concord, Mass.

Miss Graham six years ago introduced violin in the city schools of Waterloo, Iowa. Last year there were 300 children in the grade school orchestras, and the Senior High orchestra won honors in the state. All members of the violin and viola sections had been trained by her.

A few Winnetka parents seem to be under the impression that only class instruction is given. This is a mistake. Each child receives a private half hour lesson, and has the privilege of ensemble once each week. It is not too late to begin now. Any person who is interested should get in touch with Miss Graham, or inquire of the school principals.

Young Men's Class Has Prospects for Fine Year

The Young Men's class of the Winnetka Congregational church began its autumn session last week with the largest attendance it has ever had, and is planning a program of unusual interest. All young men above the high school age are welcome to these sessions Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:45 o'clock in the North Neighborhood room in Community House.

Mrs. Rudolph Kurschner Is Injured in Auto Accident

Mrs. Rudolph Kurschner is confined to her home on Tudor court, Glencoe, suffering from a broken collar bone which she suffered Friday of last week in an automobile accident near Covert, Michigan. The car, which Mrs. Kurschner was driving, skidded and turned over. With her were her two children, Marilyn, fourteen months old and little Jack, aged 3, neither of whom were hurt. The car, when it turned over, landed across a ditch, into which the children fell, thus escaping.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Gookin, Miss Gookin, and Mrs. Horace Kennedy are returning to Winnetka today from Colorado, where they have been since June, at their summer home in Estes Park.

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