

BUSINESS FOLK HEAR OF CRIME SITUATION

North Shore Men Told by States Attorney Citizens Are Responsible for Criminality

Speaking before the largest noon-day meeting ever held by the Evanston Chamber of Commerce, Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney of Cook county on Monday made for his listeners a word picture of the duties and difficulties of his office in crime and law enforcement and finished by deftly pointing out that "it is on the citizens of Chicago and Cook County that we must depend to drive out the criminals and clean up."

The State's Attorney was the principal speaker at the meeting which was held at the North Shore hotel. There were one hundred and fifty members of the Chamber, and their guests gathered, the latter including many notables. Judge William V. Brothers, Chief Justice of the Criminal court was there and made a speech. Among others who spoke were James A. Patten, the renowned citizen of Evanston, who officiated as chairman; and George E. Paddock, Chairman of the Evanston crime commission. Others present were Mrs. James A. Patten, Mrs. C. W. Spoffard; Chief of Police Freeman of Evanston and President Earl E. Orner of Wilmette.

Praised by Patten

Mr. Crowe before speaking had listened to words of praise from Chairman Patten.

"It is unusual for a State's attorney to be praised," he began. "The State's attorney is an attorney for the people; he represents them as a lawyer. It is the duty of the State's Attorney not only to prosecute crime in the county, but also to act as legal adviser in civil litigations. There are millions of dollars involved in civil litigation, but very little ever is heard of the duties of the State's attorney in civil cases.

"I have been criticised. This criticism has been severe. I have been called a crook, but I do not care about myself. I am thinking of others—my wife and five children. But this also has a bad affect on the enforcement of law.

Chicago Not Crime Center

"I do not believe that Chicago is the crime center of the world as many proclaim. I am sure that Chicago compares favorably with any other city. I am an optimist. I think that Chicago is getting better. I remember when I was a boy that gambling was wide open on Clark street and that it was protected and notorious.

"We have some vice today, but it is not open and protected as it was. Yes, I have been criticised, but I want to say that criticism is welcome if that criticism is constructive."

Mr. Crowe cited figures showing that crime has decreased in Chicago. But he said that murder had increased.

"Murder has increased in Chicago," he said. "But this increase has come along with an increase in population of a million people. It has increased because irresponsibles have proclaimed our city the crime center of the world and said that the criminal machinery had broken down.

"The people will get the kind of law enforcement they demand, but I need the co-operation of the citizens—public spirited citizens. The laws were made for the benefit of the criminal, not society, but there is one power that can put a guilty man in the penitentiary or hang him and that power is in the hands of twelve men.

"We are going to clean up the racketeers. We will keep after them and if they don't go to the penitentiary they'll go to the poorhouse."

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SERVICES

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9:45 A. M. First service and sermon
11:00 A. M. Second service and sermon
"The Burning Bush"—Ex. 2, 1-8.

MEETINGS

Monday at 4: Christian Education of Children
Monday at 5: Classes at Winnetka Parish House
Monday at 8: Adults' class at the parsonage
Monday at 7:30: Junior Girls' choir
Monday at 8:30: Senior mixed choir
Tuesday at 7:45: Meeting of the congregation
Wednesday at 7:30: Boy Scouts, Troop 6
Friday at 4: Classes for children
Friday at 5: Classes at Winnetka
Friday at 8: Adult class at the parsonage

Two Winnetka boys will return home from Princeton December 18, to spend Christmas with their families. The boys are Edward Baumann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Baumann of 279 Linden avenue, and Robert English, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. English of 375 Hawthorne lane.

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