

CURB ON STUDENT CARS CALLED SAFETY MATTER

Superintendent Clerk Discusses Problems Facing All Educational Institutions

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The student population at New Trier has now passed the 1,700 mark. Five years ago there were about 1,100 pupils enrolled and at the present rate of increase another five years will bring the student enrollment to about 2,200 or 2,300. This increase in population has very naturally had the effect of crowding some of the facilities of the school. By carefully planning ahead, however, the School board has been able to provide all the necessary housing equipment and teaching force to meet the demands of the increasing school population. Not only have the essential needs been met but it has been accomplished at a gradually decreasing per pupil expense (from \$247.83 per pupil in the school year 1923-24 to \$222.44 per pupil in the school year 1927-28).

Automobile Is Problem

There is one respect, however, in which the School board has not been able to meet the increasing demands and that is in the matter of parking space for student automobiles. Much time and thought has been given to this subject by the administration of the school, the result of which has been to bring all those who are concerned with this problem to the conclusion that the question of parking space for student cars is the least important factor in the necessity for restricting the use of autos by students.

The record of auto accidents among New Trier students is not an alarming one, but the record of auto accidents at other schools where auto use is relatively unrestricted is nothing short of appalling. Even some of the leading colleges of the country have found it necessary to forbid the use of autos by students.

Safety Regulation

The purpose of the student auto regulations at New Trier is solely for the safety and welfare of the students, both physical and moral. Sometimes it is difficult to make parents see the necessity for restricting the use of student autos to those who have passed their seventeenth birthday, particularly since the legal age for driving in Illinois is fifteen years. From the standpoint of the school it is very simple. If the driving of autos were restricted only to exclude those who were not yet fifteen years of age, there would be more autos at the school than could possibly be supervised or could even be parked at a reasonable distance from the building, and the dangers that exist under present regulations would be increased to an unreasonable degree. Many students, under this arrangement, would drive to school who would be better off physically if they were to walk; indeed this is the case even under the present restrictions. In planning auto bus transportation for pupils to schools throughout the country, a mile and a half is generally conceded as a reasonable distance for a student to walk to school. In many cases transportation is not furnished for students living within two miles.

It is quite natural that parents should give ear to the importunities of their children in this matter and it is quite normal for young people of high school age to wish to drive a car. It is noteworthy, however, that hardly a person of mature judgment who has to deal with large numbers of young people will agree that the advantages of the auto for youth outweigh the disadvantages. The dangers of auto driving to adolescent young people are

Floyd E. Thompson Speaks in Winnetka Tonight at 8 P. M.

Residents of the north shore interested in the candidacy of Floyd E. Thompson for Governor of Illinois, have completed preparations for a great rally this Saturday evening at Winnetka Community House, at which the former Illinois Supreme court justice and Democratic gubernatorial nominee will be the speaker. The meeting will take place in Matz hall.

That the meeting will be brief but intensely interesting is the promise of the local Thompson-for-Governor committee, embracing in its membership a large number of the leading citizens of Winnetka and neighboring communities.

It will be a one hour meeting—beginning at 8 o'clock and closing promptly at 9 o'clock—and Judge Thompson will be the only speaker, is the word from headquarters of the candidate's north shore constituency.

"The entire north shore is interested in this able, forceful and eloquent statesman," reads an announcement of the meeting, which adds that he is peculiarly well fitted to do the "job of state house-cleaning." Judge Thompson's candidacy, his backers assert, is sponsored by many regardless of political faith.

Judge Thompson is a resident of Rock Island and was for several years state's attorney of his county, establishing a reputation as an arch enemy of crime and its allied political forces. He was elected a justice of the Illinois Supreme court in 1919 and became chief justice of that high judicial body at the age of 34 years.

North shore residents who have joined the Thompson-for-Governor club within the past week, or since the compilation of a list published in last week's issue include the following:

Winnetka—Mr. and Mrs. John Rice Reilly, Mrs. Francis A. Lackner, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Dunlap Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roland D. Whitman, William II. King, Jr., Miss Luce Ora Kolb, John R. Cochran, Charles T. Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison T. McClurg, George H. Miller, and Lee Walker. Wilmette—Paul O'Donnell.

Feature Radio Programs at G. O. P. Headquarters

A communication from Republican headquarters at 571 Lincoln avenue, states that radio campaign talks every evening at 7 o'clock are to be the main feature of next week's program of activities. Mrs. Albert S. Gardner and Mrs. Walter Buchen, in charge of headquarters, announce the hostesses for these evenings as follows:

Monday night, Mrs. Albert S. Gardner; Tuesday night, Mrs. Norman Harris; Wednesday night, Mrs. John N. Vander Vries; Thursday night, Mrs. Charles Eastman; Friday night, Mrs. Robert Gay.

Complete programs with the names of speakers and subjects may be had by calling at headquarters. Mrs. Gardner also announces that a new supply of Red Elephant stickers for automobiles and windows has just been received.

subtle, varied, and cumulative. A parent who allows his son or daughter of immature years to use a car must be prepared for almost anything.

This statement is not to be interpreted as a criticism of the students at New Trier or at any other school. It is a perfectly natural situation and because the dangers to young people in driving are great and in most cases not familiar to them, it is unfair to them to encourage them in the unrestricted use of cars.

Ask Householder Aid in Burning of Leaves

Co-operation of residents of the village in complying with municipal regulations relative to the use of the streets for burning of leaves, will be greatly appreciated, according to Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser.

Many municipalities strictly prohibit this practice, it is pointed out, because of damage to pavements and danger to motorists when the view is obstructed by smoke, but Winnetka for several years has adhered to the policy of permitting householders to burn leaves in the street provided they are kept in small piles in the gutter to facilitate satisfactory operation of the motor street sweeper.

Village officials, it is said, have observed numerous violations of these regulations this fall.

In order that residents may continue to have use of the streets for the disposal of leaves, an appeal is being made for more complete co-operation.

Great G. O. P. Rally, With Torch Parade, Here Friday, Nov. 2

Friday evening, November 2, will witness an oldtime Republican campaign rally in Winnetka, featuring a real honest-to-goodness torchlight parade and a giant mass meeting to be held at the Woman's club. The event is sponsored by the Winnetka Woman's Hoover-for-President club.

The parade, with assembly at the Village hall common, will get underway at 7:15 o'clock led by the North Shore line band. Its terminus will be at the Woman's club where the mass meeting begins at 8 o'clock.

For this program the Hoover-for-President club has secured Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, president of the Illinois Woman's Law Enforcement league and a leader in the Democratic party, who has declared for Hoover. Other notable speakers will be Congressman Morton D. Hull, and Frederick Steiwer, U. S. senator from Oregon. Winnetka speakers will include John R. Montgomery, Frederick Copeland and other leaders.

Every resident of the village is invited to participate in the torchlight parade and the mass meeting.



You'll see a lot of interesting things if you'll look through this week's

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MASON, LAZZARI IN MUSIC CLUB RECITAL

Scheduled Muzio Concert Unavoidably Cancelled; Club Secures Great Opera Duo

Announcement that Claudio Muzio, scheduled to give the inaugural recital, Monday evening, October 29, of the Winnetka Music club Artist-Recital series, had cancelled all her American engagements this season, brought information from the club that Edith Mason and Virgilio Lazzari of the Chicago Civic Opera had been secured to give a joint recital in the place of Mme. Muzio's announced appearance.

Mme. Muzio, in a message from South America where she and her mother had been vacationing, stated that she had found it advisable to cancel all engagements scheduled for this season, including her appearance with the Chicago Civic opera, because of the precarious state of her mother's health. Her cable to the Winnetka Music club read in part: "Have only one mother in the world and she means more to me than any concert."

Rank With Great Stars

The Winnetka Music club considers itself fortunate indeed to have secured those two outstanding artists, Mason and Lazzari, both of whom rank among the truly great artists of the era. The program to be given Monday evening is to be found on the Music Page of this issue.

Edith Mason, lyric soprano, was born in the United States and had her first lessons with the famous Victor Maurel. Her first operatic role was Nedda in "Pagliacci" with the Boston Opera company. She was for two years a member of the Metropolitan Opera company, but later returned to Europe to continue her studies. Today she is known throughout the world, having sung with all the principal opera companies in Europe and America. Critics are unanimous in extolling the beauty of her voice.

Debut in Light Opera

Virgilio Lazzari received his first operatic training as a singer in light opera. He made his debut in musical comedy at the age of 18 years and in the next seven years sang extensively in Italy and South America. His first appearance in grand opera was in Buenos Aires in 1914. Five years later he joined the ranks of the Chicago Civic Opera. He has been a prime favorite with Ravinia audiences for several years.

Notice of the change in program for the opening concert of the Music club series has been sent to all subscribers, it is announced.

Salvation Army Drive Drawing to a Close

Ninety subscriptions totaling \$700 have been received for the Winnetka Salvation Army fund. A total of \$864 was raised last year. An effort is being made to complete the local drive next week, as the Salvation Army headquarters are anxious to know the amount they will have for the Thanksgiving relief fund. Dr. Frank W. Blatchford is chairman of the local drive and Henry R. Hale is treasurer.

Playfield Will Elect Officers in November

A meeting for the annual election of officers of the Winnetka Playfield association, it is announced, will be held sometime in the first part of November, the exact date to be announced later. The meeting was to have been held last Monday evening, but owing to the inclement weather there was a very small attendance and it was decided to call another meeting later.