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HERE'S CHANCE TO GIVE CHEER

Wilmette War Veteran in
Western Hospital Would
Enjoy Some Letters

THANKS LEGIONNAIRES

L. J. Mitten Has Fine Word
For Wilmette

Wilmette residents who knew L. J. Mitten, at one time a manual training teacher in the Wilmette schools, might be interested in reading some extracts from a letter which he recently wrote to one of his friends at the Byron C. Stolp school. His feelings for Wilmette are clearly shown, and those who can read between the lines a bit can imagine the conditions at the hospital mentioned.

Mr. Mitten went overseas as a soldier in the World war and was gassed. He returned to Wilmette and taught here about a year, but was forced to leave and enter a convalescent hospital near Helena, Montana. Extracts from the letter follow:

Slowly Improving

"Dear Friend,
.....I had often wondered who it was that called on me and was more disappointed than I can tell to miss seeing any one from Wilmette. It would have been lovely to have had a visit with you and talk over old friends and old times but things were willed otherwise. I look just about the same as I did when I left Wilmette. I am twenty pounds heavier than I was then and am beginning to get some gray hairs. I seem to be doing well but don't seem to make much progress toward a cure so it looks now as if I will have at least six months here yet, and when you stop to think that I have been here sixteen months it looks like a long time, but such is life. I want to tell you about two lovely presents I received from the Legion at Wilmette. About a month ago I received a box with a carton of cigarettes, a box of cigars and a box of lovely home-made candy. Now maybe you don't think I enjoyed that. Well, that wasn't all. A couple of weeks ago I wrote Miss Olin, secretary of the Legion Auxiliary, to see if she could get me
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LUMINARIES IN MUSIC WORLD TO APPEAR HERE

Wilmette, on the evening of Friday, January 9, will be a center of musical glory due to the presence of singers and instrumentalists of international fame.

This unusual event will be given at the Byron C. Stolp school and will be under auspices of the Epworth league of the Wilmette Parish Methodist church. For months the committee in charge has been working to make the evening one that will linger in the memories of all Wilmette music lovers. It is indebted to Mrs. B. A. Clepp through whose efforts the artists were obtainable. It is probable that never before in the history of Wilmette has there been given a concert which includes on its program so many noted performers.

Selections, it is announced, will be rendered by Count Sykorz, a noted cellist, graduate of the Imperial Conservatory of Music at Kiev, Russia; Countess Sykorz, pianist; Fernande de Guelde, of Paris, French tenor; Mrs. Pettit, lyric soprano, and Mrs. B. A. Clepp, European dramatic soprano.

Cards of admission are to be secured from any member of the Epworth league or from James P. Reinhold, 1005 Ashland avenue.

Deadline Advanced

Christmas comes next Thursday. Therefore for next week's edition of WILMETTE LIFE all advertising copy and all news copy must be in our office by

TUESDAY NOON
December 23

Don't Forget to Join In With the Caroling

Wilmette is to have its customary Community Christmas tree this year. It has arrived already—donated as usual by Cosmas Brothers, and is waiting to be set upon the Village green. The Public Service company, will follow its custom of donating the lights and current to illuminate the tree.

There will be a celebration on Christmas Eve at 7:30 o'clock when all villagers are invited to gather around the shining tree and sing Christmas carols, as in days of old "ye merry minstrelles" were wont to do.

This is a feature of community life which cannot be found in many places in this country any more, and all householders should make an effort to be present. It is a fitting way to show goodwill and usher in the glorious Christmas-tide. It will be a fitting prelude to a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Several pieces from the New Trier high school band will lead the music. Robert Wilson will be in charge of this group.

PLAYS PORTRAY TRUE XMAS JOY

Methodist Sunday School to
Present Them

By XMAS MESSENGER

Will the Christmas Angel knock on your door Christmas night? Will you invite him in, warm him and give him food and then send him on his journey with the best of your Christmas gifts? Will you growl, "Bah! Humbug!" when your friend gives you a Christmas greeting? Is Christmas a time to growl because your employees have a day off with pay? Is your Christmas past a pleasant memory to you and your Christmas future one of torture?

"The Christmas Guest" is a story of the fifteenth century. Christmas night finds the children of a home gathered around the hearth while Dame Margaret tells them the tale of the Christmas angel who comes to earth on Christmas night and knocks on someone's door. The children decide that if the angel were to knock on their door they would give him their most precious gifts. A knock is heard. The door is opened and a beggar asks for alms. He is invited in and given food. The children are sorry for the beggar and the life he must lead and so give him a fur cape, a fur hood, fur lined shoes and a purse. The beggar thanks them and departs.

The story of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" needs no telling yet we never tire of hearing it. Both of these Christmas plays will be in Wilmette Monday evening. If your Christmas spirit isn't all that it ought to be it will be after seeing these two splendid plays. Miss Elizabeth Stanwood of New Trier high school is directing them. The cast is excellent.

The Wilmette Parish Methodist Sunday school will be glad to entertain all who come to these plays. They are free and open to all. Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Baptist Church Invites To Christmas Services

All services at the Wilmette Baptist church this Sunday will emphasize the Christmas spirit.

The vested choir of the church will sing a group of carols at the morning service and the Rev. Francis C. Stiffler, pastor, will preach on the subject, "Joining the Wise Men."

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a Vesper service in charge of the Sunday school departments, replacing the customary young people's meetings. Featured at this time will be the departmental processional, carol numbers by the choir and the contribution of gifts for needy families and the Oak Park infirmary.

On Monday, December 22, the children of the Sunday school will make an automobile pilgrimage to the Oak Park Infirmary where they will give a carol and distribute gifts.

Prelate Visits Episcopal Church Sunday, Dec. 21

The Rt. Rev. Sheldon M. Griswold, Suffragan Bishop of Chicago, will visit St. Augustine's church Sunday morning, December 21, to administer the rite of confirmation to a large class of children and adults in the parish.

Following the confirmation Bishop Griswold will address the congregation.

ILLINI SINGERS HERE NEXT WEEK

Famous University Glee Club
To Give Concert at New
Trier Auditorium

HI-Y BACKS PROGRAM

Thirty-two Voices in Talent-
ed Group

An unusual treat is in store for residents of the north shore Friday evening, December 20, when the University of Illinois Glee club will present a program of songs at the New Trier audi-



Prof. Frank T. Johnson

torium. The concert, under auspices of the Hi-Y club, is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock in the evening, and the proceeds will go to the club's scholarship fund.

The Illini songsters are making their 34th annual tour of the northern part of the state and besides appearing here will also have engagements at Kankakee, Chicago Heights, Joliet, Whiting, Ind., Maywood, Elgin, De Kalb, Sterling, Ottawa, Peoria, Lincoln and Decatur.

The club is larger than in previous years, having 32 members, including the director and pianist, as compared with 26 members last year. That it is truly representative of the state is shown by the fact that 29 of the 32 men are native sons.

Famous Director

Prof. Frank T. Johnson, director, is a graduate of the Oberlin College of Music and Drury college and was a member of the famous Schubert male quartet of Chicago some years ago. For the last five years he has been associated with the Glee club, which, under his direction, won second place at the Intercollegiate Glee club contest held in Orchestra hall, Chicago, last year. The club was organized in 1891 under the direction of Prof. S. W. Parr and since then has been a dominant factor in propagating the Illini spirit throughout the state.

The program to be presented at the New Trier auditorium is of varied nature, including, besides college songs, musical numbers by T. L. Anderson, violinist, and H. G. Moore, cornetist with the University of Illinois concert band. This program will be appreciated by all and a large attendance is expected.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Detailed announcements of Christmas week programs in the various churches of the village are to be found on the Church pages of this issue of WILMETTE LIFE.

The Christmas spirit pervades the churches. You are cordially invited to attend divine services. Consult the Church pages and decide where you would like to observe Christendom's greatest holiday.

LOCAL MAN TAKES POST WITH BANK IN CHICAGO

Q. J. Campbell of Wilmette, formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Wilmette and since that time a state bank examiner, has assumed his new duties as a vice president of the Lake Shore Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago.

Mr. Campbell has had an extensive experience in various phases of the banking profession. He was in active charge of the First National bank in Wilmette when that institution was still in its formative stage. He has been a bank examiner for the past three and half years, having held a position with a prominent Chicago bank before assuming a post with the state.

His activity as a banker was interrupted in 1917 when Mr. Campbell entered the service of his country, enlisting for training at the Fort Sheridan officers' training camp. He served two years with the A. E. F. and retired from active duty with the rank of captain.

He enjoys a wide acquaintance on the north shore where he has resided continuously since leaving the army.

STRING QUARTET AT SUNDAY CLUB

Philharmonic Group Gives
Program This Week

The Sunday Evening club program for December 21 will be furnished by the Philharmonic String quartet, all members of the Chicago Symphony orchestra. This quartet includes George Dasch, the leader of the Little Symphony orchestra, which appears this winter at the New Trier Orchestra Association's concert; as well as Carl Brechner, the widely known cellist of the Chicago symphony.

The program will also include solos by Miss Mary Welch. This is expected to be one of the best musical programs of the entire season.

The Philharmonic String quartet has appeared on the Wilmette Sunday Evening club program around the Christmas holidays for several years. Its programs are always greatly enjoyed.

Last Sunday one of the largest crowds of the season attended the Sunday Evening club on the occasion when Miss Jane Addams spoke on the Japanese situation and Branson De Cou showed his "Dream Pictures" with musical accompaniment.

Induct New Officers of Wilmette Masonic Lodge

Wilmette Lodge, No. 931, A.F. and A.M. held its installation of officers for 1925 at Masonic hall, 1159 Wilmette avenue, Thursday evening of this week.

The ceremonies were conducted by Samuel F. Manning, district deputy grand master, assisted by Timothy M. Avery, Charles C. Schultz, Charles L. Hosken and Arthur J. Taylor. The Temple quartet provided a program of music.

Recently elected officers include: Charles C. Cameron, worshipful master.

August J. Kuelzow, senior warden. Fennien A. Buck, junior warden. Earl E. Orner, treasurer. George W. Hess, secretary. Daniel Stecker, chaplain. Clarence D. McCallum, senior deacon. Ernest C. Cazel, junior deacon. J. Egbert Compton, senior steward. Lloyd C. Ayres, junior steward. Joseph O. Converse, marshal. Orian A. Galitz, organist. Joseph C. Wilson, tyler.

Trustees' Xmas Stockings Filled at Tuesday Confab

Santa Claus came betimes for the Village trustees and several Municipal officers this year—and he came bringing a cargo of fine cigars, the gift of Hoffman Bros., well known Wilmette coal, lumber and merchandising firm.

In his customary able and eloquent manner, Clerk Earl Orner made the formal presentation speech on behalf of the donors, explaining that the cigars were in fragrant appreciation of the tireless and altogether satisfactory attention the Village has given to the interest of the west side in the year now fast drawing to a close.

Mr. Orner also hastened to explain that Hoffman Bros. begged to emphasize the fact that they were seeking no favors in exchange for the "smokes."

WANT 'WILMETTE' LABEL ON CARS

Citizens Ask Rapid Transit
Company to Mark Trains
To This Village

HEAR ROAD OFFICIAL

John J. Moran Explains
Change in Service

Some fifty civic spirited Wilmette citizens, comprising village officers, trustees and spectators assembled at last Tuesday's Village board session, sounded a concerted appeal to John J. Moran, also a villager but for purposes of this incident, an official of the Chicago Rapid Transit company, requesting that all so-called Evanston trains on the Elevated lines be labeled "Wilmette."

Peculiar as it may seem, this expression of civic pride was at first purely incidental, in fact, had not even been discussed by a group of petitioners who had attended the meeting for the purpose of airing some complaints regarding the shift in the "L" service out of the Linden avenue terminal.

Discuss Service

Train schedules, possible means of improving service, alleged unwarranted delays at Howard avenue and other matters were brought up in a general quizzing with Mr. Moran the able and unperturbed quizzee. Then, when it appeared that the "L" traffic directors had answered everything to complete satisfaction, President Zipf burst forth with the request that all trains bound for the Linden avenue terminal be labeled "Wilmette." Forty-nine or more others chimed a chorus of approval and were successful in securing the promise from Mr. Moran that he would bring the matter before the properly constituted authorities of the company and report back to the Village board within a short time.

In answer to complaints regarding service out of the Linden terminal, Mr. Moran pointed out that, while the frequency of service had been lessened outside the rush hours, the service was actually faster, the running time to the Loop having been reduced from the previous 48 and 50 minutes
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LAKE BLUFF ORPHANS ARRIVE AT 9:40 A. M.

Arrangements have been completed to bring the Lake Bluff orphans to Wilmette on Christmas day where they are to be entertained in various families.

Officials of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad company promise to provide a special car for the kiddies, who are scheduled to arrive at Wilmette avenue promptly at 9:40 o'clock on the morning of Christmas Day.

From the station the children will be ushered into the Village hall from whence they will be distributed to their guests.

Promptly at 5:30 o'clock the flock will be returned to the train preparatory to the homeward journey.

A number of the children have been taken by Winnetka families, it was announced by members of the Philaetha society of the Wilmette Parish Methodist church, which is sponsoring the Christmas for orphans.

A few children remain to be taken into Wilmette homes, it was stated. These can be placed if interested families will call Mrs. William MacMorran at Wilmette 789.

Fine for a Christmas Present!

FOR SALE — CHILD'S TRICYCLE in A-1 condition; fine for Christmas present. Can be seen at 1233 Hill St. Phone Wilmette 2054.

For Christmas Suggestions
READ OUR WANT ADS

Because of Christmas the
Want Ad Dead Line is
advanced next week to
TUESDAY NOON.