

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEED IS UNENDING

Red Circle Will Be Emblem of After-the-War Endeavor as Long as Nation Exists

No task imposed upon them by the world conflict served to test the method of war work agencies more conclusively than has the business of re-adjusting the work of those agencies to a peace-time basis.

The signing of the armistice found the war work programs of the Y. M. C. A. the Y. W. C. A., the Salvation Army, the Jewish Welfare Board, The Knights of Columbus, the American Library Association, and the War Camp Community Service at their zenith. Not a single one of these agencies had reason to expect, during the trying months of the mid-summer, that the might of the Central Empires would crumble so suddenly, and that the militant phases of their program would be brought automatically to an end.

Of the seven organizations named, War Camp Community Service is the only one without a history prior to the time the United States entered the war. That the Y. M. C. A., and Y. W. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation, the Jewish Welfare Board and the American Library Association will continue as going organizations, taking up their usual programs in peace times, is of course, apparent. The future of War Camp Community Service, however, was in many quarters considered an open question. Indeed, the query has been gravely propounded as to whether or not there was any reason whatsoever for believing that W. C. C. S. had any claim to a future.

Busy with the work at hand, so intent with the program originally committed to them that their present occupied their entire time and energy W. C. C. workers throughout the country have suddenly awakened to a realization of the fact that the future has been thrust upon them. The major outlines of this future are slowly becoming clearly apparent.

Through W. C. C. S. agencies, literally tens of thousands of men and women in hundreds of American communities have been trained in social service. These men and women have organized community hospitality, have organized community effort. They have made their home towns home towns for every soldier and sailor who might sojourn there. As a result of the work in behalf of the soldier and sailor, War Camp Community Service

volunteers have had a new vision as to the reach and sweep and value of disinterested community effort. They have realized that the work they have done for our enlisted men is a work that is well worth doing for their own people as a part of a permanent definite local program. And so it has come about that in many war camps and communities, purely as a matter of local initiative, plans are already being made to utilize the entire social service equipment brought into existence through War Camp Community Service agencies as centers of local social endeavor.

Not only are the volunteers who organized community hospitality for the purpose of ministering to the need of our enlisted men anxious to go forward, but the soldiers and sailors themselves find in the ideals and activities of War Camp Community Service a definite call to continued service. Hundreds of enlisted men have already made known their intention of becoming Community Service missionaries when they return to the home folks.

Recruited from the great industrial army, the soldiers and the sailors will, upon demobilization, return to that army. The industrial field, therefore, the centers in which industrial workers dwell, become inviting fields for community endeavor—fields in which the soldier who has received the benefits of War Camp Community Service and the volunteers who have aided in providing those benefits can join their efforts.

War Camp Community Service must of course continue as now projected until our army and navy have been reduced to a permanent peace basis. When that time comes, however, the needs of the members of regular military establishments cannot be overlooked. The communities that have had a welcome for the soldier and sailor in times of war cannot and will not turn away from the soldier and sailor in times of peace. In that direction War Camp Community Service surely has a future.

Throughout the length and breadth of our land, the Red Circle has become a symbol of community effort. And as such it will continue. In time, War Camp will inevitably disappear from the emblem and the Red Circle will stand for Community Service.

How long will there be need for Community Service in our nation? As long as our nation exists.

V. M. C. A. WORK PLANS TO COVER DU PAGE COUNTY (continued from page 1)

ance at State Boys' Conference and Leaders' training conferences.

A county wide meeting of men who are interested in the boys of DuPage county is to be held early in January. Mr. W. B. Towsley would be glad to talk with any citizens of Downers Grove who are interested in this project.

STOP BOLSHEVISM BY SAVING FOOD, WHEELER'S PLEA

"Red Flag Always Goes Hand in Hand With Hunger," the Administration Warns.

"Bolshevism and the red flag flourish where hunger dwells. Food Europe and this peril will vanish. Withhold food and even the Atlantic will not be a barrier to the spread of this doctrine of lawlessness in our own country."

This is the warning note in an appeal issued by Harry A. Wheeler, Illinois food administrator, reminding Chicago that food conservation is still necessary.

Mr. Wheeler said further: "This country has been called upon to make very few sacrifices as compared with those suffered by our allies. The food administration again asks us to continue to save food, this time for world relief. We ought to, and we will do this willingly and unselfishly."

Waste Offends Humanity. "Lavishness and waste in food and the fourth meal should be eliminated. They are offensive to humanity as long as Europe's starving millions are imploring us for food."

"The cessation of hostilities has made a greater demand on American food supplies. We must ship twice as much food overseas this year as we did last and nearly four times more than we shipped any year before the war."

"While this program is big for the entire country it means only a little effort and thought upon the part of each individual. Let us start today and save food."

FOOD ADMINISTRATION

To Purchase Surplus Wheat Substitutes—Consumers Urged to Continue Their Use.

Because food administration rules do not now require the sale of substitutes with wheat flour, a few dealers and bakers are finding themselves stocked with these substitute cereals in excess of their normal requirements. In order to prevent waste of these substitutes the food administration grain corporation is preparing to assist them and will purchase a limited quantity. This assistance will be given only to those dealers and bakers who have large amounts of substitutes in excess of their requirements for the next few winter months when there is no danger of spoiling. Dealers or bakers having small quantities left on hand will continue to distribute them, and it is urged that consumers continue their use.

Only the following substitutes will be considered for purchase:

- Victory mixed flour, white corn flour, yellow corn flour, patent and straight rye, barley flour, cream cornmeal, other cornmeal, dark dye flour.

The food administration cannot purchase substitutes in less than carloads but is preparing to buy mixed or pooled cars. Owing to the fact that the minimum car is 60,000 pounds, it will be possible for associations of dealers to join in assembling and forwarding these excess cereals. The food administration cannot purchase these substitutes after December 20.

Dealers to Use Up Small Supplies.

The burden on the railroads makes it imperative for retail dealers and bakers to use up small amounts on hand. It is not the intention of the food administration to purchase all of any one substitute. Each dealer is expected to retain a normal supply, and is asked to take into consideration that the material increase in the use of substitutes during the last year will to a large extent continue for some time to come.

County food administrators have detailed instructions as to how to handle this situation and dealers and bakers should consult with the nearest county representative for further information.

WORLD FOOD SUMMARY

In support of its policy to keep farmers of the United States fully informed of world food conditions and probable needs for certain commodities, the United States food administration has completed a summary of unusual importance to producers.

The world balance sheet of food products shows a shortage of three-billion pounds of fats and three million tons of high protein feeds. Among fats are included pork products, dairy products and vegetable oils.

Commodities of which there are sufficient supplies, if used with economy are wheat, rye, beans, peas, rice and feeds other than those high in protein. Sufficient beef is in sight to load all refrigerating ships' capacity.

There is enough sugar for our normal consumption if other nations retrain their present short rations. If they increase their rations, there will be a shortage. Coffee is the only common food commodity of which there is a world surplus. With the possible exception of high protein feeds, the United States has sufficient food and feed for its own people, but to fulfill its pledge of 20,000,000 tons to Europe by July 1, 1919, there must be continued conservation and avoidance of waste.

Help win the war against famine. Save food so a famine-stricken country may be fed.



UNCLE SAM MUST FINISH HIS TASK OF FEEDING THE STARVING

It is our duty to feed Europe's starving millions. Thus we will crush bolshevism, the offspring of hunger. The American people were not too proud to fight—nor are they too proud to save food, so a famine-stricken world may be fed.

LIVE SIMPLY—WASTE NOTHING. United States Food Administration, Illinois Educational Division, Chicago.

J. OGDEN ARMOUR URGES FOOD CONSERVATION

"In modern war, food is the power behind the throne," remarked J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co., Chicago. "It might be more proper to say," continued Mr. Armour, "that it was the powder under the Hohenzollern throne, for most assuredly a steady and adequate supply of food for our fighting men, coupled with a lack of food in Germany, has made it possible to destroy Prussian autocracy. Now that victory has been won the restoration of peace seems still to hinge on food, for, as Clemenceau has pointed out, hungry men are not amenable to reason."

Mr. Armour said further: "Conservation of food, therefore, is of prime importance. A proper definition of the word conservation reveals that food is best conserved when the best possible use is made of it. For example, it is not conservation to store up food in such great quantities that much of it spoils before it can be used. Neither is it conservation to refrain from eating sufficient quantities of sustaining food."

"The way to conserve food in order to help restore peace is to observe strictly the wishes of the Food Administration. It is endeavoring to make known to the public what to eat and what to refrain from eating. If the word is to eat vegetables, it is a sign that vegetables are plentiful and that by using them other foods which are less perishable can be saved for the future. When the Food Administration says eat fish it means that acquiescence on the part of the public will result in an increased supply of meat. Blind efforts at conservation may defeat conservation. I have in mind the refusal of many people to eat lamb on the theory that they are thereby conserving the wool supply. Careful study has proved that the contrary is true and that a wider use of lamb would increase the wool crop.

"It is my belief that the public will aid most in the conservation of food if it carefully observes the rules and regulations and suggestions of the Food Administration."



Where Europe Must Get Its Food.



PUBLIC EATING STILL UNDER ADMINISTRATION

With the... there has... to the... the removal... but it... that the... brought any... nor done... the, says the U. S. Food... Illinois educational... given revised rules have... used for the guidance of... eating places of the state... purpose of conserving the... in this country in order... countries may have a square... an approach to it.

Cream must not contain more than 20 per cent of butter fat, and... food must not be burned. They... be fed to animals or reduced to... fats, of which there is reported... a scarcity. Food must not be... played in the front window or... case in such a way as to cause... terror for human consumption.

White bread of the previous... limited to two ounces per person... meal or four ounces of other... such as muffins, corn bread and... brown bread. The limitation... apply to rye bread containing... than 50 per cent of rye, or to... wiches. A special exemption is... ed to boarding camps. Food... must not be served as a... under meat, and bread must... brought in the table till after the... course if there is more than... course.

Meat is limited to one course... is explained that this order... prevent the serving of both... sandwiches or other dishes... more than one kind of meat.

Half an ounce is the maximum... butter and the same for... cheese.

"Eat less; waste nothing" is... Illinois food slogan, to which... added "Food will save the world."

FOOD CONSERVATION WEEK A SUCCESS

Chicago—The food conservation week for the world relief... has aroused great interest and... action on the part of the people... state," said Thomas J. Mitchell, national director, Illinois food... administration.

"The great need for... rope with food will continue... time to come," continued Mr. Mitchell. "We must all save food. It is... to waste it. How then the... realize this, the food administration... knows that everyone will be... assist in every way possible to... food waste."

FOOD SLOGANS

Save food for world relief. Food will save the world, and you have won the war. Europe depends on us for food. Conserve—eat less—save more!

GOOD Resolutions made this week will be broken next week and following weeks of the year, by most of us. But we all mean well, and perhaps our good resolution kept may mean health, wealth and happiness for him who is watchful during the year. You Can easily keep one good resolution, we suggest. Resolve that you will burn the best coal your money can buy. That's "Old Ben", the purest and best Franklin County Coal sold in Downers Grove. Burn "OLD BEN" Coal and be Satisfied! Phone One Five Potter Mfg. & Lumber Co. Manufacturers & Dealers LUMBER COAL MILLWORK Building Materials of all kinds