

## ENTRUSSED WITH Y. M. C. A. WORK AT CAMP GRANT

Rev. Norman G. Oliver Writes of the Many Duties of a "Y" Secretary.

Camp Grant, Y. M. C. A. No. 1, June 3, 1918.

My Dear Walter:  
As this is the beginning of my seventh week in the camp, I feel that I can now write through you to the friends who have not heard from me since I left the beautiful village of trees for the cantonment near the Forest City.

My days here are long and busy ones but most interesting. We Y. M. C. A. men in Hut No. 1 rise at first call (6:15) with the army men, have our setting up exercises out of doors in our pajamas and get ready for mess in our respective companies at 6:45. After mess we have our daily conference and reports followed by devotions. After devotions we help the detail of soldiers clean up the "hut" and get our own rooms in order. The desk is then opened for the sale of stamps and the free distribution of anything the "Khaki Clads" need from books and paper to baseballs and Victrola needles. The hut is then kept open till "taps" at 11 p. m. when all good soldiers must be in bed.

There are eight "Y" huts, a large main auditorium and administration building in Camp Grant. Each hut will accommodate about one thousand men at a time. The hut is composed of two large rooms. In one the daily free entertainments and religious services are held, while the other with its big fire place and easy chairs makes a reading room and place for the men to entertain their guests. In all parts of the hut are writing desks to accommodate the largest possible number of men at one time. Four desks run the entire length of the main auditorium and are full of writers most of the time. Thousands of letters are mailed from every hut every day. Each hut sells as many stamps as a good sized town.

Each hut ministers to about five thousand men. The work of Hut No. 1 is with the 843 Inf., the 311 Engineers and the 311 Field Signal Batt.

The Y. M. C. A. staff in each hut numbers about six men. A religious director or secretary who handles all religious work in the hut and barracks, in co-operation with chaplains and officers and enlisted men. A social director who books all talent and arranges the programs of the week. A physical secretary who organizes and leads the soldiers in their favorite sports. A business secretary who manages the finances and sells stamps, and a hut manager who attends to the order, discipline and beauty of the hut life. Every one of these men must be an earnest Christian and do personal work for Christ every day.

Let me give you a little sketch of my particular work. Yesterday I preached three times between 8 and 11 o'clock, twice in crowded barracks and once in the hut. After mess with Co. G. 343 Inf., I distributed "The Trench and Camp" paper among the barracks and then piloted some Downers Grove and Rockford friends through a part of the 8 miles of trenches and dugouts, getting back in time for two more religious services in the hut.

During the past week I have obtained 900 new members for the pocket testament league, distributed 300 New Testaments, held eleven religious services, signed up 41 new men for definite religious service, taken an over-night hike with the 343 and 341 Infantry regiments, refereed boxing matches, played base-ball, volley ball and drilled with the soldiers, visited 30 quarantine barracks distributed paper, envelopes, stamps, magazines, Bibles, hymn books etc., to the men who could not get to the hut.

The most enjoyable part of my work outside of the personal work with individuals for Christ is the hiking where we distribute athletic equipment after tents are up and join the men about the big camp fires where the regimental bands supply the music and the men sing and then crawl into blankets on the ground and sleep under the stars and storms.

The last hike was the only one I have yet taken when we did not get soaked to the skin and hailed into bruises. Hail, rain, and wind have been our hiking companions of late with ever-present mud to keep our eyes off the storm clouds and prepare the men for Flanders.

I have become quite an enthusiast for universal military training since I came to Camp Grant. Uncle Sam certainly gives his boys the best in the land! The physical training that makes the boys as hard as nails, the mental training by the greatest minds

## OLD OFFICERS OF MOTHER'S CLUB GAVE LUNCHEON

The retiring officers of the Mother's Club gave a luncheon last Friday at the home of Mrs. E. H. Prince in honor of Mrs. Walter Bebb of California and the newly elected officers of the club. Those present were Mesdames Bebb, Reed, Jenkins, Cramer, Waples, Gillespie, Carpenter, Jenness, Schweidler, James, Ray, O'Neill, Prince, Barber, Matson, Gillette of Spokane, and Misses Morse and Ward.

A short business meeting followed at which Mrs. Barber was appointed chairman of the committee of Child Welfare to co-operate with the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense. A general discussion of plans for the coming year was led by Mrs. Bebb, Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Waples, and Miss Morse.

## FEMALE ENEMY ALIENS MUST NOW REGISTER

Registration of All Unnaturalized German Women Over 14 Starts June 17th.

In accordance with the President's Proclamation dated November 16, 1917, and amended April 19, 1918, all FEMALE German alien enemies of fourteen years of age and upwards, residing in this post office district are required to register under the direction of the Postmaster, who has been appointed assistant registrar.

This registration is to commence at six a. m. on Monday, June 17th, 1918, and to continue on each day successively thereafter, except Sunday June 23rd, 1918, between the hours of six a. m. and eight p. m., up to and including Wednesday, the 26th day of June, 1918, at eight o'clock p. m.

Persons Required to Register: All natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the German Empire or of the Imperial German Government, being FEMALEs of the age of fourteen years and upwards, now within the United States and not actually naturalized as American Citizens are required to register as German Alien Females. The fact of having first or declarant papers does not exempt the possessor thereof from registering as a female German alien enemy.

Female German alien enemies are hereby directed to report to the post office located in the district in which they reside, within the dates specified for registration.

Each female German alien enemy is required to bring with her to the place of registration four photographs not larger than 3x3 inches, on thin paper with light background. The photographs shall be of shoulders and full face, without hat or other head coverings. At the place of registration she will be given full instructions as to procedure in filing application for registration.

An alien enemy required to register and who fails to complete her registration within the time fixed therefore, in addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, is liable to restraint, imprisonment and detention for the duration of the war.

W. B. Carline  
Chief Registrar.  
For Nonurban areas in the Northern District of Illinois.

in the world, and the best that Science knows to ward off disease and prevent temptation; these all every day for son of millionaire and pauper day by day make the National Army the greatest melting pot and university in the world.

If I had ten sons I would rather have them go to school to Uncle Sam than to any college of which I know. I am decidedly for Uncle Sam and his way of training men.

The "Y" men get so enthusiastic for the army that our force changes every week thru enlistment. Three men from our one hut staff have enlisted since I came. All will carry a gun as well as their pocket Testament.

Tell the Downers Grove folks to stop at Y. M. C. A. No. one and let me show them thru the camp when they come.

I had a fine chat with Lieut. Haebich, ex-high school teacher in D. G. If there are any Downers Grove boys here I would like to get in touch with them from time to time.

Kindest regards to all my Downers Grove friends.  
Yours for Christ and Uncle Sam,  
Norman G. Oliver.

## MISS JEANETTE SHAW

Miss Jeanette Shaw, one time resident of Downers Grove and a sister of Mrs. E. G. Pfaff, passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. W. Mueller, 1039 N. Spalding avenue, Chicago, Monday evening, June 3.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Edwin J. Randall of St. Barnabas church and interment was made in the family lot in the Naperville cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

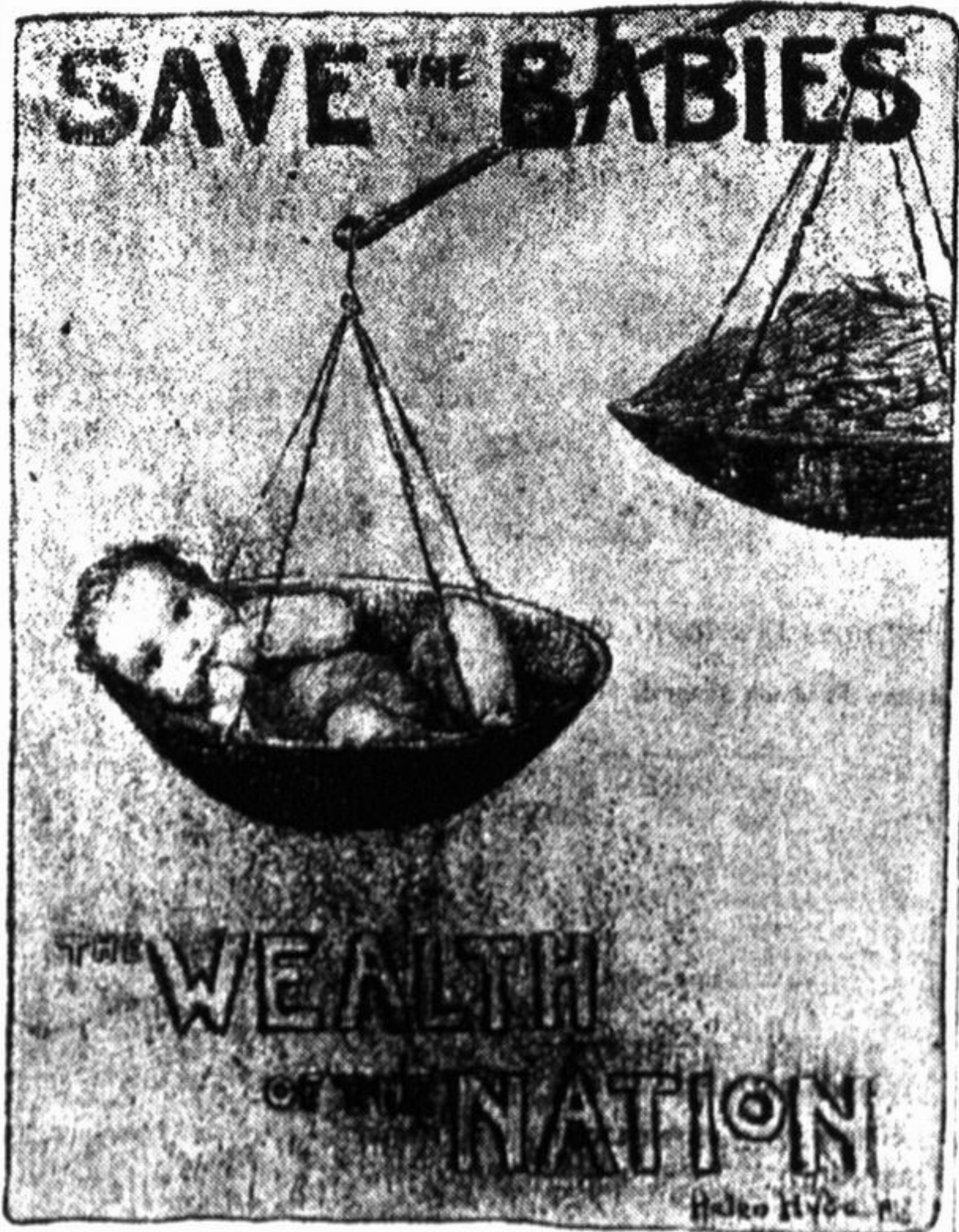
Vesta Chapter, O. E. S., of which Miss Shaw was a member, performed the beautiful burial service of the order at the grave.

Many men and women now holding good positions in the business world owe their success to Miss Shaw. For

## SALOME FAULHABER

With the death of Mrs. Martin Faulhaber, one of the oldest of the older Downers Grove residents has passed away. Her end came quietly and peacefully last Friday morning, two hours after midnight.

Mrs. Faulhaber reached the rare old age of 88 years, 4 months and 15 days. Until but a few years ago, she had been in good health, taking care of her own household and going regularly to church. Then, however, some of the infirmity of her age kept her close to the house. About last Christmas she had a fall from which she sustained a fracture of the hip, that confined her thenceforth to her bed. It was apparent that she could never rise again, as she was past the help of any skill or care.



many years she conducted a short hand and typewriting class in Downers Grove. To her good teaching methods and her persistence in keeping after her scholars until they were proficient many owe to her a part of their success.

## T. VERDENIUS OUT FOR THE LEGISLATURE?

It is rumored that T. A. Verdenius of East Maple avenue, will be a candidate at the primaries in September for a member of the State Legislature from DuPage County.

Mr. Verdenius could not be reached at his home last night to either confirm or deny the rumor.

If he should make up his mind to run he will make a very aggressive campaign. He is a good public speaker and his intense Americanism and loyalty to the country of his adoption will endear him to the voters of the district. He is in a position to devote a great deal of time to the race should he decide to enter, and DuPage and Will counties, comprising this district, will be given many chances to both meet and hear him.

To date DuPage County has no candidates for this important office. Three had signified their intention of entering the race, but we understand on good authority that they have withdrawn. Three men are to be elected and if DuPage County can put one good man, like Mr. Verdenius, in the field, he can be elected. It is years since we had direct representation in the legislature and Will county voters are of the opinion that we should be represented and will back a good candidate.

We believe that Tom Verdenius would be that candidate and hope that his friends can prevail upon him to make the race.

## CO. C. AGAIN QUARANTINED FOR MEASLES

Company C., of the 342nd Infantry at Camp Grant, is again quarantined for measles. This is about the nth time and the boys are in a mood to murder every "measly" germ they see.

This company is composed of men from DuPage County and parts of Chicago, and the quarantine automatically cuts them off from all leave from camp.

Joseph Bross, of Clare, is the chief offender and he is resting easily at the Base Hospital.

## MANY STORES NOW SELLING "THRIFTIES"

There are now sixteen places in the village where Thrift Stamps can be purchased, besides the post office.

Many of these stores are ready and anxious to hand out these little war-winning stickers in place of change to help the Government.

When sufficient of these "thrifties" have been purchased to turn them in for a War Savings Stamp, these can be purchased at the post office, either bank or at the depot.

Those selling Thrift Stamps are: Lehmann & Michel, H. E. McAllister & Co., S. A. Dexter, S. J. Perkin, Houseman Drug Co., W. U. Gas & Electric Co., Zindt's Pharmacy, Mrkivicka Bros., Village Office, Emrich Bros., J. D. Gillespie & Co., Mertz & Mochel, Farmers & Merchants Bank First National Bank, Depot and Lovi Lumber Co.

## FLAG DAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD BY CO. H

Local Military Unit Will Observe Anniversary of Birth of Stars and Stripes.

Flag Day, June 14th, will be celebrated in Downers Grove by Company H, I. R. M. in fitting style next Friday evening.

Tentative plans include a parade, speeches by members of the company and various exhibition drills.

The entire thing will be under the auspices of the local militia reserve. They have taken part in all the patriotic meetings held here in the past nine months and now will hold one of their own.

Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Khaki Kids and other organizations will be asked to take part in doing honor to the birthday of our flag by marching in the parade preceding the exercises.

A prayer, short talks and drills will make up the program. Hard work on the part of Captain Balczynski and the members of his command in the last few months have made them a well drilled organization. Friday night they will show the results of this training. Both close order drills and riot formations will be given and the boys into formations which will surprise the spectators.

## TO VISIT JOLIET EXPERIMENTAL FIELD, JUNE 10th

The Soil Advisory Committee of the Illinois Experiment Station is to visit the Joliet Soil Experimental Field on June 10th, and there will be a public meeting at 1:30 p. m. on the field. Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins, of the Soil Department of the University, and other members of the committee, who are Frank I. Mann, J. P. Mason, C. V. Gregory, Ralph Allen and A. N. Abbot, will speak.

This Soil Experiment Field is located on the Joliet-Plainfield Road about four miles from Joliet. The Aurora, Plainfield & Joliet interurban passes the field which is an hour's ride from Aurora. The station is called Six Corners.

This is a good chance for the farmers of DuPage County to see one of the Illinois Soil Experimental Fields and to study the different soil treatments, and all who can are urged to attend.

## FINE PROGRAM AT RECEPTION FOR DR. JENNESS

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of storm and sunshine have passed since first he stood as leader, nay, more as shepherd of the souls committed to his care, still faithful to his trust, still kind and gentle, yet firm and steadfast in the right he stands.

The snows of time have laid their mantle on him; but neither cold nor lapse of days has chilled the brightness of his smile, and seasons changing have only lent him wisdom; wisdom to counsel, strength to aid and clearer vision to discern the right; and better still the sympathy to guide men, not to drive them. So may he stand in years to come; in years of gladness, time of sorrow, or dull gray years where neither laughter nor tears may mingle. Still let him attend his flock; if he, we would rejoice; but if another people hearken unto his words and heed his ministrations, 'tis well; for still we know that he, our friend and pastor, will ever help—will ever bless the spot wherein he dwells.

I have had some drill here, but am now in the office shown above; in the time I drilled, I was very much impressed with the difference in the men and those in Company H. If the men in the U. S. Army averaged as good as those in that company, the U. S. would have a wonderful army; this is not a slam for the army, but a boost for Downers Grove.

Again thanking you, I am  
Very sincerely,  
Pvt Alan G. MacLean.  
3rd Co., 1st Training Bat.  
161st Depot Brigade,  
Camp Grant, Illinois.

## SEED OF GOD'S WORD TO PREVAIL SAID PASTOR

Rev. Paul Crusius at Union Service Sunday Night Holds up Irresistible Power of Truth

At the union service of the local churches in the First Evangelical church last Sunday evening, the Rev. Paul Crusius delivered a sermon which was both timely and stimulating. With the conflict between liberty and oppression reaching its climax in the renewed drive of the Germans, no thought is more comforting and reassuring than that which was emphasized by Mr. Crusius, viz., that truth is all powerful and all conquering. In the end it must triumph.

The speaker took for his text the parable of the seed as given by Jesus, in which the seed is likened to the gospel. A very insignificant thing in the beginning, often subject to discouragement, and perhaps offering little hope of survival, it nevertheless persists and grows, until at length it becomes a great plant which fills the whole world.

Such has been the history of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the humblest beginnings, through persecution and adversity, it has irresistibly made its way, until its influence has become world-wide. The principles of the Sermon on the Mount have come to be recognized as the highest standard of human conduct, and despite apparent setbacks and checks, they will attain to greater and vider acceptance in the world. He must yet reign whose right it is to reign.

The service next Sunday evening is to be held in the St. Paul's Evangelical church on Grove street, and the sermon will be preached by Dr. J. F. Jenness. It is expected that the large attendance maintained thru the winter months will not only keep up through the summer, but will increase when the outdoor services are in effect. These are expected to begin in July.

Further announcement concerning the summer plans may be looked for at an early date.

## COUNTY JUNE DRAFT CALLS FOR 231 MEN

The June draft call will take almost all of Class I men from DuPage County. 231 will be inducted into various branches of the army starting the fifteenth.

Judge Clark, chairman of the local board, has received orders from the Adjutant-General to send thirty-five from this district to automobile schools for instruction as mechanics. Seven will go to Northwestern University, Chicago, eleven to the Swoosy Auto school and thirteen to the Ralfe Auto School at Kansas City, Mo. Volunteers for this special work will be accepted until tonight by the board after which men will be inducted into service through the regular draft channels. These men will go after the 15th.

The largest troop movement since the beginning of the war from this county will take place in the period between June 24 and 28. Little DuPage will furnish 200 men of the state's quota of 28,500 men. These will be sent to Camp Grant and probably trained there.

After these men have gone less than seventy men will be left in class one.

## REV. C. E. COON TO BE RELIGIOUS DIRECTOR

Rev. Charles E. Coon has tendered his resignation and the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city has accepted it, and a copy has been forwarded to Bishop Charles B. Mitchell.

Mr. Coon expects to report for duty at Selfridge Aviation camp at Mt. Clemens, Mich. next Tuesday as religious director. There are nearly one thousand men there in training and most of them are college and university graduates and the number will probably soon be increased to 1500.

Mrs. Coon, her mother, Mrs. Lamb, and the children will occupy the parsonage until September. —Lake Mills (Wis.) Leader.

Mrs. M. P. Lamb and her daughter, Mrs. Coon, were former residents of Downers Grove and are known to many of the local people.

## GIRLS AS "MILKMEN"

Three girls in Bellville, Ill., are demonstrating that they can be as efficient milk men as the men called away by the draft.

Another man's job will consequently be ably filled by women.