

DIRECTORS OF THE RED CROSS COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

Workers and More Workers

Wanted at the Surgical Dressing Classes

The organization of the Downers Grove Branch of the Red Cross has been completed. The directors have elected officers and Mrs. Gillespie has named the executive committee members and the chairman of the permanent committees. The personnel of these committees is to be named later. The officers, executive committees and committee chairmen follow:

President - Mrs. J. D. Gillespie.
Vice-President - Mrs. F. B. Keiser
Secretary - Harry Bryce.
Executive Committee - Mrs. J. D. Gillespie, Chairman, Miss Fannie Stewart, J. F. Kidwell, Mrs. Keiser, Harry Bryce, Mrs. Wm. James, Mrs. Wm. O'Neil, Mrs. C. Van Beynum
Womens Work Committee - Mrs. M. K. Bush.

Membership - Mrs. E. J. Matson.
Recruiting Committee - Mrs. H. P. Jones, (South Side); Miss Fannie Stewart, (North Side.)

Due to the added duties as President, Mrs. Gillespie gives up the Chairmanship of the Women's Work and is succeeded by Mrs. M. K. Bush. Mrs. Keiser remains in charge of the Knitting and Mrs. Van Beynum in charge of surgical dressings.

This organization assures the village of an efficient Red Cross Branch during the coming year.

A shipment of
100 refugee shirts
30 bath robes

was made this week by the women's work committee.

The knitters shipped 100 pairs of socks and 66 sweaters. All materials are brought now by motor truck and shipments are made the same way.

All work in the hands of the local branch, whether finished or unfinished must be in Chicago by Sept. 1. At that time the Chicago Chapter will check up on all materials and it is necessary that everything, whether it be completed or not, be sent in by all branches and auxiliaries.

Wanted, Wanted, Wanted!
Workers, workers, workers. Women are requested to come any time from 9:30 to 5:00 each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will find Mrs. M. K. Bush in charge on Tuesdays, Mrs. Gillespie on Wednesdays and Mrs. Nash on Thursdays. If you are not acquainted ask for the day chairman in charge and she will introduce you. Volunteer. Don't wait to be invited personally.

The Distinguished Service Banner awarded the village as the result of exceeding its quota in the second Red Cross War Fund drive, now hangs in the Red Cross rooms. The rooms are otherwise being decorated and improved. All windows have been made mosquito-tight, shades donated by Lehman and Mielch have been hung in the west windows, a clock that keeps time hangs on the wall, hooks have been put up for wraps, a wash stand installed and additional shelves, cupboards and storage chests put in.

The Community League is planning to make some additional permanent improvements that will entail considerable expense but make the headquarters comfortable when snow flies.

Special Eastern Star Day To Be Discontinued At The Red Cross Rooms

The Eastern Star has discontinued Tuesdays as special Eastern Star day at the Red Cross sewing room.

The plan in the future is to register the number of hours done through out the week. The change no doubt will be much more satisfactory to every one and as the completeness and accuracy of the report sent to the Grand Chapter will depend upon the willingness of the members to cooperate in the plan by registering work done, we trust that the members will respond to this request at the same time pledging to do more work in the days to come.

If there are those who have not found it possible to be enrolled as a Red Cross worker will you not make a special effort to rally to the cause which needs helpers so badly just now?

SERVICE FLAG STARS Mothers, Come and Sew The Service Stars

Will you kindly come to the Red Cross rooms, old Congregational Church, and sew on the star for your boy who has joined the service.

Stars are all based on waiting for the mothers or near relatives to sew on the flag.

COMPANY H. SQUIBLETS

"Back to the scenes of my childhood" was a popular phrase sung out by the "old men" of Co. H. Monday evening as they hustled with the run of ten year olds along the dark and rocky road to Belmont. Once more a hot and sultry day was brought to a perfect close by a cool swim. The "ole swimmin hole" was none other than our kind friend Mr. R. Sebree's cement tank at the Belmont road and Maple avenue. Before falling in everyone seemed to have a hunch that they were going swimming, when acting first Sergeant "Bill" Eichelman was seen to smile and laugh on so hot a night we then knew for a certainty we were going. Lt. Bennett spilled the good news and ere long we were on our hasty advance to Belmont. "Bill" Smith and "Schlitz" were first "over the top" and the others followed close after, a good hours swim refreshed the men and take it from us they sure appreciate such things as the swimming tank and outings such as they enjoyed at Sebree's and Yackley's. With this paper as a medium the members of Co. H wish to thank Mr. Sebree for the use of his tank.

Ten-shun! Co. H and Firemen's Picnic Labor day! As you were!

As we said before several things made us think that Sebree tanks was our objective, well one was that Harold Erickson and Leo Rogers were at drill; you know that only happens now and then.

H. P. Jones is back again and the first night out, he gets busy with the picnic. Just like him, huh!

Sgt. Orsinger gets balled up on commands once in a while but that happens in the best of well regulated companies.

Capt. Balcynski, Sergeants Carpenter, Waples and Kidwell are spending two weeks at extensive drill at Camp Steever, Ill. this camp has been opened by the state and is used as a civilian camp but mostly members of the Illinois Reserve Militia are attending.

There are some thirty men from Hinsdale attending the camp. When Capt. Bal gets back we are looking for some hard drills.

Ten-shun! Picnic Labor Day! Will you be there? As you were!

Rookie Drill every Wednesday evening why aren't you there. Clerk Geisert has been kept busy of late with all the recruits but says he can take care of many more.

Here's a deep one the second platoon is trying to solve. Can you do squads right when marching backwards?

The following men have been confirmed as corporals by Col. Wilson, Clerk Geisert, Privts Downes, Chambers and Schramm.

A roster of the men of Co. H has been completed, mostly to the credit of Ser. Carpenter. This contains each mans kit number, rifle, address, both business and residential and also the telephone number of each man. To say the least it is very complete and "nifty".

MR. STRAUBE DONATES MONEY FOR REPORTER

August 12th, 1918

Dear Sir: I am enclosing \$10.00 for which you will kindly send the Reporter to any of the boys over there you may choose.

I have felt for some time that you were doing more than your share in cheering the boys in a far off land with the latest news from their home town and I am sure there are many more of our citizens who will not say "let George do it."

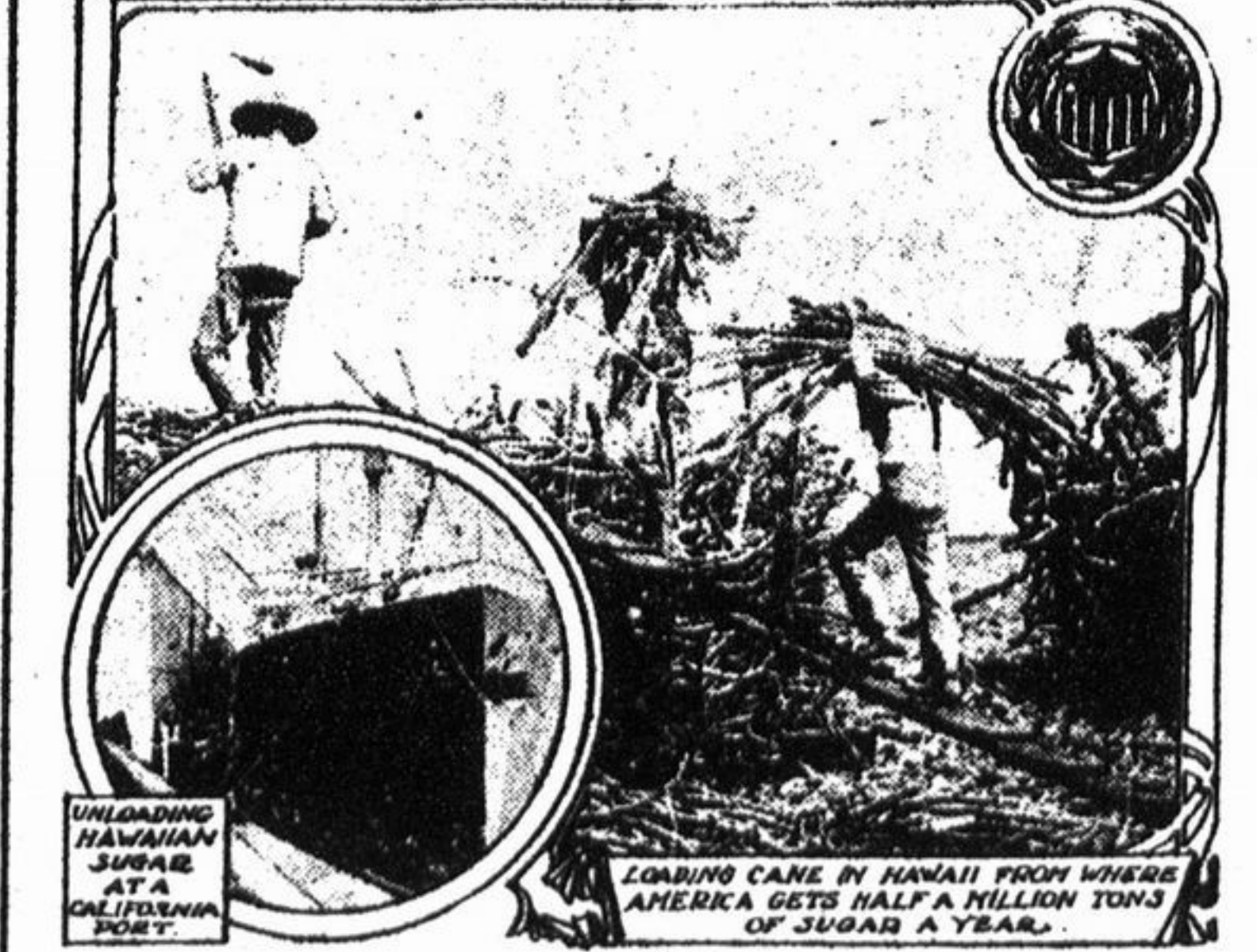
Yours truly W. Straube.

THANK THE CLERGY

Seemingly nearly all the clergymen of all faiths have written to the State Council of Defense to express approval of the August 4 War Anniversary suggestion, and to say they would comply with it, or had done so. Too many letters have come to permit answering each separately, much as the Council would like to do so.

Therefore, this occasion is taken to thank them all, together and publicly. Officials of local bodies of the Council are also asked to make occasion to thank the clergymen of their own localities, individually and in the name of the Council.

Saving Sugar Saves Shipping



UNLOADING HAWAIIAN SUGAR AT A QUAYSIDE DOCK. LOADING CANE IN HAWAII FROM WHERE AMERICA GETS HALF A MILLION TONS OF SUGAR A YEAR.

AMERICAN families would have less sugar than the people of war torn France, if we depended entirely on our home-grown sugar stocks.

Approximately 75 per cent. of our sugar is shipped to our shores. We produce about 1,000,000 tons of sugar a year. Our imports from abroad amount to over 3,000,000 tons a year in normal times.

The United States Food Administration asks each family to limit its use of sugar to two pounds per month per person for household use. The military situation demands that every available ship be placed at the disposal of the Army or Navy. When we save sugar, we save shipping.

A LETTER FROM OVER THERE TO A FRIEND HERE

Friend George: Since I got that card from you saying that you had arrived safely somewhere over there and they had not blown up the transport on which you and all the other fellows in your division or company or whatever it is you belong to went over, I have been seeing a lot of letters from the fellows that are over in France or maybe by now in Germany, printed in The Reporter and I thought that I would write a letter to you and have it printed in the paper too.

That is I am going to ask Mr. Staats to print it and maybe he will so you want have to tell the other fellows when you see them, though maybe you don't see them very often, what the letter says because Mr. Staats has been sending The Reporter to all the boys from the Grove but he aint going to send the paper any more because the government won't let him send any more free papers unless it is to Walter or Frank Duncan or some other fellow that has worked for him. But that won't make any difference because the masons have voted to pay for the paper for all the Downers Grove boys at the front so you will get the paper any way and so will the other fellows and you can tell what kind of a time we are having here.

There aint anything happened here since you left except the usual things. Jim Chilvers says the town has been dead for three months and you know he knows for if there is anything; that happens in the town that Jim don't know about it must have been when he was asleep and he don't go to bed till pretty late.

Maybe someone has written to you about the trip the Home Guards made to Oak Park a week or two ago. If they have you can skip this part. You know the Home Guards, they like to be called the Reserve Militia and that is what they are, they went to a regimental review where they all have to stand in line and not move a eyelash when the mosquitoes bite them while the Colonel and the Major look them over and say they are all right. John Remmers he is in the first squad because he is big and tall like Pat Barr and Guy Bush and he said that it rained pitchforks and the Colonel made them face it till the front of their coats and breeches were wet thru and then he turned them around and let their backs get wet so they wouldn't get cold and it was like going swimming without taking off your clothes.

Lieutenant Haschich that used to be principal of the school before he went to Fort Sheridan and learned to be an officer is drilling the army at Camp Grant. He and Lieut. Reed were here last Sunday and they both are sore because they have not been sent to France like you fellows.

Charles Davis, you remember he is the fellow that sings so loud is going to be a lieutenant in the navy. He is in the dental corps because he is a dentist and can pull teeth and he has passed his examination and when he gets his commission he can wear an officers suit and not the blouse and dinky little cap that the navy fellows wear and I guess he will be glad when he can wear his new clothes because he got in an accident and busted his

ROCKFORD CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE

Associations Formed in Rockford For the Entertainment of Soldiers and Visitors

Making 50,000 men in khaki at Camp Grant contented is the particular business of the War Camp Community Service of Rockford, representing the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities. The red circle is the insignia of the organization and stands for the hospitality with which camps in the United States are surrounded. Every soldier places this insignia on quite the same plan as the red cross and red triangle.

Four beautiful club houses in Rockford - the city adjacent to Camp Grant - and a recreation program offering every form of entertainment from canoeing on Rock River to enjoying dinner in the most exclusive homes in the city are an important part of the hospitality which the W. C. C. S. is spreading about this particular cantonment. In addition there is the Travelers' Aid, offering information and protection to travelers, the Girls' Protective Bureau whose particular business for tender teen ages, the housing bureau containing a list of all available living quarters in Rockford-all offered without charge to soldiers and their guests and relatives. The simple fact that a man wears a uniform is all the recommendation that he needs to obtain the aid of any department of the W. C. C. S., the use of the club buildings or invitations to dinners and parties on the recreation schedule. Wholesome entertainment with homelike surroundings is made so attractive that temptations and opportunities for evil which abound in even the best regulated cities and camp towns do not lure.

Three of the clubs are in operation, while the fourth will be opened shortly. Of these the largest in the city and the finest in the country is the Headquarters Soldiers' club, which has been in operation a little over a month. It is located in the heart of the city and over six thousand men are registered there each week. There is a floor devoted to the use of soldiers, where they may press their clothes, shave, etc., play pool, billiards and other games, read, write or simply lounge in luxuriously soft and beautiful chairs or roomy divan-ports. The homelike atmosphere which is missing from so many soldier's clubs, and so noticeably from army barracks, abounds in this club. The hostess suite is an exact reproduction of many an old southern home with its huge archways, white wood-work and gayly flowered chintz cushions and curtains. The reception, music and writing rooms which make up the suite are as attractive as soft blue and gray rugs, and willow furniture, also gray, can make it. This suite is for the particular use of guests of the soldiers, wives, mothers, sweethearts and sisters, as a meeting and resting place. There is also a charmingly furnished dressing and rest room for exclusive use of feminine guests and everything in the entire building is ever at the disposal of men in khaki or their guests, without charge. The recreation hall is a huge room which is used for game parties, dances, programs etc., and which is in use almost every night in the week.

The recreation program includes motor trips, canoeing, steamboat rides up Rock river, dancing, suppers, parties, swimming, week-end invitations in private homes in the city or nearby country place, tennis, golf and a weekly community sing as well as the privilege of sleeping in a real bed between sheets on Saturday nights. Invitations are waiting for all these are waiting for every man who applies to the W. C. C. S., which is trying as far as possible to surround the man in camp with the same sort of recreation to which he was accustomed when in civil life. The hours under restraint and the "pep" which training camp life brings is proper outlet in the recreation offered and homesickness is forgotten, while contentment - so important in camp life - replaces discontent.

Prominent Rockfordites make up the general and executive committees in addition to a staff of twenty-nine paid workers who are aiding in every way possible to make the soldiers at Camp Grant happy. Their work is also to make the visits of loved ones of the men in khaki happy memory spots - memories in which the red circle will occupy an important place.

AN ENJOYABLE OUT DOOR LUNCHEON

Lieut. R. H. Bennett, of our local company I. R. M. and wife were most royally entertained by their friends at an out of door six o'clock luncheon, given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kellogg on Maple avenue.

The evening was the most suitable for the occasion, and all as well as Lieut. and Mrs. R. H. Bennett, enjoyed the treat immensely. Those present were: Lieut. and Mrs. R. H. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Orsinger, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Prickett and Mr. Plumley.

Mr. Bennett has recently been granted a commission as first Lieutenant and will soon leave for service in the Engineers corps of the U. S. A.

CANNING CLUB Come Give the Canning Club a Try

Your vegetables canned by the dozen. \$1.00 a dozen if you furnish materials and all gods guaranteed. Special demonstrator for three weeks takes charge of the classes. Give us your order. Everything furnished at the rate of 30c per quart. All profits for our boys.

BOYDSTON-BLOCK

Miss Ruth Boydston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boydston and Mr. S. R. Block of Portland, Oregon were married Thursday, August 15th, at the residence of the groom's uncle the Rev. John Block in Chicago. Rev. Block officiating.

The young couple will take a short honeymoon trip and on their return will make their home in the village for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Riggsbee and family left Wednesday for a two weeks visit to Mr. Riggsbee's relatives at and around Plymouth, Ill. the place where he was raised.

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