

# Patriotic Rally

on

## Washington's Birthday

at the

# Presbyterian Church

### February 22nd at 8 p.m.

The following speakers will take part:

**ALLEN D. ALBERT**

Representing the Army and Navy Commission on Training Camp Activities

**DR. JOHNSTON MYERS**

Pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Chicago

**ROBERT BONSALE MYERS**

Son of Dr. Johnston Myers and a member of the American Ambulance Field Service

**DR. GEORGE CRAIG STEWART**

Rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Evanston

Music under the leadership of Louis Kreidler  
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#### A Letter From Over There

The following letter was written from one of "Our Boys" in France:

Think of the day peace is declared! These millions of men pressed down for months under a strain no man has ever experienced before, suddenly free—free to live, to look ahead, to plan and to enjoy happiness, happiness such as they never knew or appreciated before. How the pulse of sombre Paris will quicken again and the old Arc de Triumph will see the returning troops after the greatest triumph the world has ever seen. The first time I saw the Arch and looked down the Champs Elysees, the only people that I saw on the great broad avenue were three soldiers crossing the wide sidewalk, one behind the other, and each stumping along on a wooden leg.

Of course, after the war there will be a great reaction, and a tremendous amount of unrequited sorrow except in a pride of soul, and a realization of the beauty of sacrifice for such a cause.

You spoke of the Allies not stating their peace terms. Over here, as far as we can judge, we are mighty pleased that they haven't. Germany is too damnably full of tricks and it may be that she is realizing that the inevitable is surely coming her way. I think this united stand of the allies will have its effect. When real peace talk commences the Allies will join in quickly enough.

You asked me about lowering the draft age to 18. In my opinion, most decidedly no and all the officers that I have talked with say the same thing. I have a few young boys in my platoon and while they have spirit and snap, they are a little too young to depend on. They are bound to be excitable, and you want a man, who, although he grasps things perhaps not as quickly as the young boys, is able to make his mind up quickly and stick by his decision. There are fellows of 18 who have plenty of resistance, but on the whole it takes a man of 25 at least to stand this business well. It is a young man's war, but we don't want them too young. From 23 or 24 to 30 is the ideal age.

And now about things here. Everything is going pretty well, but naturally the job of controlling things over here is pretty difficult and it is almost impossible to get everything working smoothly right away. The men are pretty well fitted out.

I checked the platoon over this morning, and about all that the men need are shoes and gloves. Just at present they are wearing extra socks on their hands as they have no mittens. The six day maneuver ended last night, and the men all came into camp singing. It certainly is an inspiration to us officers to have men with such a fine spirit, and America can be mighty proud of this first division. I am sure that all other American divisions that come over here will be the same.

We left here with packs and marched five hours to a little town where we were billeted—the men in barns, and we seven officers slept on our cots in a room of a farm house. The snow was about four inches deep and the thermometer was zero. The old French lady who owned the house where we stayed, threw up her hands and said "Never, never, had France had such a winter." Each morning we got up at half past four and the company fell in by brilliant moonlight. At dawn we moved off and by ten we were in certain positions, and being machine guns we stayed put while the poor old infantry dashed around and practiced attacks. It was pretty hard work walking across country through the snow, with packs, and the last half mile you have to take these heavy guns off the carts and lug them on your shoulders. Sometimes you feel so tired that you couldn't eat.

We had one afternoon off and I sat by the fire in the house, and played with four little children. How happy and carefree they were. The room was very dingy and dark and was lighted by one small candle. The children sat around the old, blackened fire place, with all the old pots and kettles hung up, and ate their bowl of milk and hunk of black-bread. They told me that they had that morning and night and a bowl of soup for lunch.

One of our horses fell and killed himself, and the people came from miles around to buy the meat from the old man to whom we had given the carcass.

That same afternoon while I was sitting in the house, a mounted messenger came down from here and handed me your Christmas cable.

The sunsets were perfectly wonderful all the time we were gone, but you couldn't even think of them, marching down the road walking automatically and half dead with fatigue. Of course you have to laugh at it all and keep fresh or the men will sag too. You can't ever be sym-

pathetic with these men or you will make them think they are sick or else tired. You'd laugh to see me with my platoon. I was easy at first, but they certainly jump now.

The other day after a hard hike we were going up a pretty steep hill. I was walking ahead and I heard a gun drop. I looked back and the squad had stopped. They said they were too tired to go on. Of all excuses! I nearly exploded. I asked them what they thought war was, and I said the time was drawing too near, and I wanted to know whether I had men behind me or not. By the time I got through with them they came up that hill at double time, and then to make sure that they had understood I sent them all back again to bring up heavy boxes of ammunition which I really didn't need at all. Since then they have jumped around very spryly when they receive commands. I learned a good lesson in time.

The day we came home it rained in buckets and the streets were like running rivers. The men were drenched and it was frightfully cold. I went down to see my men in the evening and I found them all at the Y. M. C. A. drying their coats around the big stove. I thought surely there would be some sick birds this morning, but there wasn't one. I am sending Willy some more money for the Y. M. C. A. today. Last night settled it for me. This morning some of the men were actually able to appear in dry shoes.

How the men stand this exposure I don't see. They get in a steaming perspiration and then stand in the bitter wind and snow for three and four hours, and it is always cold too. In the mornings the men's shoes are frozen to the ground, and the dampness from the day before has frozen in the inside of the shoes. Yet the men keep at it with a remarkably good spirit. These first men over here deserve unlimited credit for going through with it all before things get straightened out. It really is harder on the men than most people realize. (and this is the same army you read about). I believe some congressmen returned to the states a short while ago and published their expert account of it.

Still everything is all right over here. We can't stop along the way and grumble at the cobble stones. C'est la guerre.

The day after tomorrow we move to a little town 2 miles from here so that the machine gun companies can be together.

#### FIRST UNITED EVAN.

Corner of Green Bay Road and Laurel Ave. C. G. Unangst, Pastor.

Last Sunday as had been announced, was set aside as a day of prayer for the young men who have left the church for active service in the army and navy. A large number of people were present at all the services and manifested a great interest. In the evening Mr. Mayer, Secretary of the Billy Sunday campaign committee, occupied the pulpit, by the permission of the pastor and gave a talk for the purpose of arousing an interest in that great campaign which is to begin in March in the city of Chicago.

Next Sunday morning at 10:45 Mr. Unangst intends to deliver a sermon especially helpful to that class of young people who call themselves Juniors. His subject will be "Girls Who Did Well in Hard Situations." It ought to be interesting to all.

At 7:30 in the evening his subject will be "What Must I Do to be Saved?"

The Bible School to meet at 9:30 a. m. will study the lesson "Jesus Teaching by Parable—The Growth of the Kingdom." Mark 4:21-34.

The Missionary committee will take charge of the Sunday evening K. L. C. E. prayer meeting at 6:30. The topic to be discussed is "The Power of the Cross in Asia."

The second meeting of the "A A's" will be held on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. This is for all girls and boys between ages eight and fourteen inclusive.

English prayer meetings are held in this church every Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Everybody is welcome.

The Woman's Missionary Society are to give an oratorical contest at the church tonight, Thursday, at 7:45 o'clock. The following speakers will talk on varying and interesting subjects; Mrs. C. G. Unangst, Mrs. Edw. Hintz, Miss Frances Fritsch, Mrs. H. P. Maechtle Jr., and Mrs. Earl Fritsch. The best speaker will be awarded a silver medal. The audience will also have a part in a free will offering which the pastor has been pleased to designate as a "silver offering." This collection will be taken for the benefit of the missionaries in Africa.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

Services for the second Sunday in Lent:

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 9:30 a.m. Trinity Church School  
 11:00 a.m. Matins and Litany Sermon  
 5:00 p.m. Evensong.

Second of series of 12 lectures on the Episcopal church.

Week-Days in Lent

Holy Communion, Thursdays	9:30 a.m.
Litany, Wednesdays and Fridays	9:30 a.m.
Evensong, daily except Wednesday	5:00 p.m.
Children's Service, Thursdays	5:00 p.m.
Evensong, Wednesday	8:00 p.m.

Confirmation classes for girls meet Tuesday afternoons, at four o'clock, beginning next week. The class for boys meets on Thursdays at four.

#### HIGHLAND PARK M. E. CHURCH

Services are held in this church as follows: Sunday, Sunday school at 9:45 Epworth League at 6:45 and evening worship at 7:45, Wednesday evening prayer service at 7:45. Choir rehearsal at 8:45. S. M. B. club every Tuesday evening. Boy scouts meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p. m. Thursdays. Open house Saturday evening for all young people to which the Fort Sheridan boys are most cordially invited. Friday evenings, cantata rehearsal.

The Boy Scouts meet this evening at seven o'clock. The prayer meeting was not held last evening so that the congregation might attend the Red Cross concert at Bartlett's Theatre.

#### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Hazel Ave., near St. John's Ave. Subject for next Sunday's Lesson Sermon is "Mind."

Services are held in this church every Sunday morning at 10:45. Sunday School meets immediately after the morning service, and is open to pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing is at 8 o'clock. You are cordially invited to make use of the reading room at 287 Central avenue, which is open every week day, from nine o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock in the evening.

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