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The Social Side of Life

Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

A very attractive and successful Washington program and party was given last Friday evening at the West Ridge School. A patriotic pageant consisting of patriotic songs and poems was presented by the children who were dressed to represent historic characters. This ended with the Virginia reel. Colored slides of Washington, D. C., and Mt. Vernon were shown and explained by Supt. C. G. Wright. Everyone came in costume and votes for the best costumed lady and gentleman were sold and the net proceeds amounting to about sixteen dollars will go toward paying for the new piano. The ladies winning first and second prizes were Amanda Clavey and Alice Clavey. The prizes for the gentlemen were awarded to Mr. Wright and Mr. Blalster. Those receiving honorable mention were: Mrs. Sheskie, Mrs. Blalster, Mr. DuBroch and Mr. Schoemaker. Unique refreshments consisting of sandwiches, hatchet cookies, cherry pie and coffee were served. Social dancing followed the refreshments.

The Rebekah Lodge will celebrate their first anniversary on Monday evening, March fourth. Each member will donate a sack containing a penny for as many years as they are old. A good time is planned and everyone is invited to be present.

The marriage of Miss Jeanette Knipple of Green Bay, Wis., to Mr. Arthur H. Swanson of Highland, has been announced. The wedding took place November 22, at Bowmanville, Ill., the Reverend R. M. Burgess officiating.

Mrs. J. W. Simons entertained a few friends informally last evening.

Prevalence of Ocular Defects as Revealed in the Experiences of a Draft Exemption Board

The editor of the Medical Brief, in the issue for October, 1917, says that he has had practical experience in a draft exemption board, and that more men were rejected for visual defects than for any other reason, although the requirements are not high; 20/40 in one eye and 20/100 in the other. He says: "Out of some seven hundred candidates examined, all but two of the rejections on the score of defective vision were out and out errors of refraction."

Incidentally one might raise the question of the wisdom of the government, in these later days, in rejecting men for military service on account of visual defects which can be perfectly corrected by glasses. We cannot help wondering whether Germany rejects and exempts all such cases and if so, how in the world she assembled an army of five to seven million!

The fact itself is its own great significance. The fact that there is such a large proportion of men and women in the world with defects of vision and the reality of their influence upon human efficiency.

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Council of National Defense WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

Official News Notes on all War Work

Red Cross

Although there are times when it seems that the Red Cross Shop is not fulfilling its entire destiny, due to lack of a sufficiently large number of workers, the record for the past week goes to show what the town can do when it really tries. It was found on Monday that the month's quota of over 20,000 dressings had to be in by the next day instead of the last of the month, as it was supposed. This meant 3,000 dressings yet to be made, a one-days-goal which staggered even Mrs. MacCaughy and her loyal Mondayites. The result was that the shop kept open house, instead of closing as usual at four, and the tables were never empty, even between six and seven. Some stayed and worked on with a bit of supper snatched between "strips"; others grudgingly went home, to return shortly, reinforced by Friend Husband. At eight the room was buzzing with over fifty workers. The bandage makers were on their last lap of the 500 triangular bandages which also had to be finished that night. The minutes ticked swiftly away to a steady tattoo of knives, and the occasional ripple of laughter caused by our biggest cohort, whose apron was designed for a far more slender figure than his. Male flesh could finally be confined in it no longer, and a search had to be made for an extra large size which managed to stay on when the gentleman removed his coat. It was a new business to him, and to the other male visitors, but they worked "manfully" and soon became the equal of even the red caps, for speed. Ten o'clock saw the 3,000 mark safely past, and a satisfied townspeople went home to a well-earned rest.

Mrs. Britton Budd made a special trip to the city on Tuesday to get the quota to headquarters at the time asked, and altogether, although we aren't in the habit of patting ourselves in the back, we really feel that the shop earned a "well done," even if we need to add "Keep it up!"

This latter injunction seems likely to be enforced, for as a result of the enthusiasm shown, the shop will be open each Monday evening hereafter to men as well as women. Come, and bring Dad and the boys.

The Army and Navy Center

The dancing class conducted by the Center for men in the service, under the excellent leadership of Mr. Bourne, is well under way. 21 men came to the first lesson, and 14 new members were added to the second, making the total enrollment of 40. A pool tournament is soon to be started, under the direction of Mr. Jones. Such activities as these make the Center a real force for good. We wish that space permitted us to print some of the notes of appreciation, received each week from the men themselves.

Through a mistake of the printer, the treasurer of the Center was given last week as Miss Mary instead of Miss Amy Rothchild, which is correct. The names of the members of committees were not included in the list of officers, but will be printed in an early issue.

25 monthly magazines are reported by the Librarian, Miss McKenzie, as being donated each month to the Center. Miss McKenzie is anxious to know if possible the names of the donors, and asks that anyone who is willing to be responsible for a magazine, regularly, phone her at 720-M, and also let her know in case they cannot at any time send a certain issue. It is interesting to note that all the magazines in the Center's file are included in a list compiled by the men themselves, recently published in the Outlook. An attempt is being made to secure as many local "home town" papers as possible, one coming from San Francisco.

A chaise longue, with many cushions, has been added to the home comforts of the rooms, and a candy jar ever ready for service, both through the kindness of Mrs. Martin Inoull. The hostesses for the week will be: Saturday, Miss Charlotte Yoe; Sunday, Mrs. John R. Washburn, both assisted by ladies of the Osooll Club.

Fund for French Wounded

When you next go by Rigdon's window, notice especially the Martin and George Washington bags, of which we told you a few weeks past. The woman's kit is \$4.00 and the child's kit \$2.50, and it is greatly desired to send a goodly number from our town within a short time. You remember these kits are for the most destitute of the stricken people of France, whose homes have been utterly destroyed by war.

LINCOLN SCHOOL

All parents are cordially invited to spend Thursday, March the seventh, from 1:15 to 3:15 in the afternoon as "Parent's Annual Visiting Day." The Parent-Teacher Association will have its regular meeting following.

gether and yarn is there for those who wish to knit. Only blue yarn is now used by the Navy, no gray. Girls who have any knitted squares for afghans are asked to bring them, also any bits of colored or black yarn that they can beg, borrow or steal.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The next regular meeting of the High School P. T. A. will be held on March the 4th in the English club room at the High School. Subject: "Athletics as related to Military Preparedness," arranged by the Health and Hygiene Committee, Mrs. Wadsworth chairman. Mr. Kufman of the Naval Training Station will speak.

CAMP GRANT NEWS

Sunday, February 17 was marked by the presentation of the Prairie Regiment Colors by the people of Rockford and Winnebago county.

The Regiment marching to the strains of its famous band, came promptly into the Auditorium at 3 o'clock. Standing at attention during the overture, it was a most impressive sight for not a man moved a muscle. Brig. Gen. Kennon then introduced Mayor Row of Rockford who so ably made the presentation speech in behalf of the people of Rockford and Winnebago County. Col. E. C. Stodter received the flag for the troops and stated that as the stars were assembled together on the blue, so would the Regiment go thru together with honor and victory.

At the conclusion of this the bugle corps struck up "To the Colors" and the Regiment was called to "present arms" while the people all arose in unison—significant of the finest patriotic harmony.

At the close of the program Maj. Gen. Barry gave a short talk in which he complemented the 86th Division as comparable in his mind to any of the Divisions he had seen while on the Western front.

There are a number of Lake County men in the 342nd Infantry.

"Remember"

When the men of the army or the navy make up their minds to "remember" something, they do not forget. And they "remember" by acting. The Alamo was "remembered" and the Maine was "remembered"—not in bloodthirsty hatred, but in the spirit of justice. It is proverbial that Americans are slow to anger, that their good nature can stand a great deal of rubbing the wrong way before it becomes bristly. But, as was demonstrated in the Revolutionary, Mexican, Civil and Spanish-American struggles, the just anger of the Americans is shown not by wordiness but by action.

Because the American people as a whole have not been given expression from the housetops to hatred over the unrighteous methods employed in German warfare, the German autocrats have been trying to convince the German masses that America's heart is not in this war, that the stalwarts of the new world are being dragged into military service. Not long ago a handful of American engineers fought an overpowering force of Germans and fought it to a standstill. It was then that some of the Germans at least were convinced that the new foes could be "fighting mad."

"Men can be fighting mad," said an American army officer recently, "even when they are smiling." It is said by those who know him that General Custer always wore a gentle smile, even while in battle, and that he never allowed himself to become ruffled or excited. Whatever anger the American fighting forces show is shown in action—and these forces will prove their ability to fight against the finest of the Kaiser's warriors.

"Now, in this 'remembering' business, the men of the navy and the men of the army have determined to 'remember the Tuscanis' and the gallant lads who went down with her." But these men should not be expected to do all the 'remembering.' The whole nation should 'remember' that disaster, and every man, woman and child in the land can do so. All of us cannot go to the fighting front and do our 'remembering' but every one of us who stays at home can 'remember' that disaster and the illegal method by which the Tuscanis was sunk, by lending the Government money with which to right the great wrong. Every person who buys Liberty Bonds can put himself on record as having 'remembered' the Tuscanis and the lads who lost their lives when she was torpedoed off the Irish coast.

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