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THE SHOE THAT HAS NO FOOT

A great crisis brings out unexpected types of the human species, new only to our times, for they are as old as the world. For a year the war has given to our boys and the great majority of our people a spiritual regeneration. For a year it has furnished the slacker with "pop" and "punch" and "thrills." The war is the biggest thrill of all his breathless age. His faculties are dulled for the wholesome expression of a healthy patriotism by his revolving squirrel-cage existence: rapid transit, rapid business, high speeding, movie fanning, strap hanging, joy riding and the rest.

But whether he believes it or not his "business-as-usual" has stopped. Although his cage is still spinning from a past impulse, it is only running down and he is on solid ground staggering for an unaccustomed equilibrium. What has happened! The war is on us and we, the tribe, are going to support our tribal heroes on the battle front the same as our primitive fathers did three thousand years ago—let the slackers be never so slack.

The citizens of the world, as always, are divided into two camps: the elect—those who believe they owe their best to God and men, and they serve; and those others who believe they are here to get. All they can get of God and men, and they take.

And thus history repeats itself and "there is nothing new under the sun." The people of moderate means do not scruple to contribute their all to their country's need, the young do not hesitate to lay down their lives but the rich man—ah! Still the rich man hoards his gold, and still the overloaded camel strains at the needle's eye.

BULLET PROOF JOBS

Thousands of young men of draft age are occupying swivel chairs in the offices at Washington. McCutcheon has dubbed these young seekers of safety "the swivilians."

In the navy, too, political pull has operated to place young men of wealth and influence out of the reach of danger. Ensign Goltra, son of E. F. Goltra, Democratic national committeeman from Missouri, was given a position in the naval reserve by Secretary Daniels, but when orders came calling out the commissioned personnel of the naval reserve, Secretary Daniels sent a direct request that Ensign Goltra be exempted.

Young McAdoo, son of the Secretary of the Treasury, having been impressed into the special summer classes at Annapolis by direct order of the President, was assigned to a submarine chaser—a perfectly safe place in home waters. Nevertheless a direct order came from Washington recalling Ensign McAdoo from sea duty and recommending him for the post of "instructor" at Annapolis. Were it not for the fact that the young man himself went to Washington and made vigorous objection, he would have been occupying the post of instructor of cadets at Annapolis with no other experience than a three months "rush course" behind him.

If it were within the range of possibility every member of the cabinet, every man in Congress should have a son at the front. Every man should be consecrated by a service pin. But since this can not be, we are thankful that each American citizen can appraise the spiritual values of this great cause for himself. In the words of Dr. Odell: "We have not yet surrendered our spiritual function of interpretation into the keeping of rulers and cabinets."

Answer the question, you who have read the weekly letters from the front: are these boys not more fit to live and, for that matter, more fit to die than they were before the country called them to arms? Out of the mouths of these boys are not we, at home, getting a glimpse of their vision, are not we beginning to see the light through all our shams. They have gone before us and blazed the trail out of a material wilderness into the open reaches of the spiritual. And so we have cast the slough of our old standards for the "durable satisfactions of life." "We now judge men in terms of service not in terms of worldly goods. Thanks to the boys at the front we are beginning to raise ourselves by something higher than our boot-strap. Some die while others only live."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Miss Catherine Yoe is visiting her sister Mrs. Robert Williams of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Harp Stuppel who recently joined the Navy and has been stationed at the Great Lakes is spending a twelve day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stuppel of North Green Bay Road.

Even the robins are conserving in Highland Park. On the grounds of one of our resident homes in the southern end of Highland Park, a robin has been taking pieces from its last years nest, for use in building the new nest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ethelman of Glencoe were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayer.

Private Orville Sack who has been stationed at Camp Grant has been transferred to Camp Merritt, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Magnusson and Miss Laura Prefrock of Evanston, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer Jr.

Miss Laura Fischer spent a few days last week in Winnetka as the guest of Miss Grace Blackstock.

Mrs. John Murphy of Chicago will make her home in this city during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. John Fischer and Mr. A. Smith of Glencoe.

Mrs. Truax at telephone 620 will be glad to put you in touch with a soldier boy. If you'd like to entertain one at a meal.

Mrs. Annette R. Jones who was operated on at the Mary Thompson hospital, Chicago on Wednesday is very much improved and will return home as soon as possible.

Mrs. John D. Ristine and two children left Friday for Kansas City, where she will visit her parents for a few months. Mr. and Mrs. Ristine will return to Evanston in the fall to make their home there.

Mrs. G. Genung spent yesterday in Evanston visiting friends.

Miss Margaret McDonald of Chicago, is making her home with Mrs. E. M. Umbach of E. Park Ave.

Mr. Jerome E. Steever who recently graduated from the aviation school in Columbus, O. is home on a furlough this week.

Mrs. Belle Genung of Crystal Lake is the guest this week of her son and daughter Mr. and Mrs. G. Genung.

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. will hold their regular meeting this evening in Masonic Hall.

Have you a Sammy in your home? "Course you haven't that is not all the time, but we meant for Sunday evening tea, or for dinner, or for any occasion. The point is that if you'd like to be real hospitable to some lonesome soldier boy, you may. Call up Mrs. Truax at 620 and she'll do the rest.

More workers are needed in the Red Cross Shop at the Presbyterian Church. Are you able to help?

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren returned last Thursday from St. Petersburg, Florida, where they spent the past winter. They expect to leave soon for Gull Lake, Mich. for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark G. Wright are spending this week in La Grange, Ill., visiting Mrs. Wright's parents.

Master Bobby and Elizabeth Jaeger are spending their spring vacation in Jackson, Wis.

Mrs. Wagoner of Ravenswood is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller had as their Sunday guests Mr. D. J. Miller and Mrs. J. F. Miller of Chicago.

Miss Ruth Mowers spent the week end in Elgin visiting her sister.

Gran'ma Muhke who has been on the sick list during the past week is very much improved and able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston of Evanston.

The annual installation of St. Mary's Court took place last Thursday evening in Witten Hall. The installing officer was Mrs. McElliott and the officers installed were: C. R. Elizabeth McDonough; V. C. R. Mary Stipe; Recorder, Minnie Dooley; F. Secretary, Agnes Duffy and Treasurer, Mary Sheahan. Following the installation a musical program was rendered after which refreshments were served. Seventy five members of surrounding courts attended the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Sanborn and baby are moving this week from their home on Onwentia Ave., to Libertyville for the summer.

William D. Cox, son of Mrs. Wm. D. Cox of 1028 N. Clark Street, Highland Park, is stationed at Camp Green Charlotte, North Carolina, Co. K. 47th Infantry.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Next Sunday the Bible School will meet at 9:45. The regular morning service will begin at 11 o'clock. The topic for the Junior Congregation will be "Paper Cups." The title of the sermon will be "The Church and the War."

On Monday evening at 7:30, there will be a rehearsal of the Choral Society in the Parish House for a chorus number of Haydn's "Creation" which will be sung on the first Sunday in May, at the last vesper service of the season. Mr. Kraidler will be present. A full attendance is desired.

On the following Saturday night there will be another rehearsal at which the organist, Mr. Benedict, will also be present.

On Wednesday night the minister will continue the series on prayer at the mid-week meeting.

The installation of the Rev. Frank Pitt as minister of the Church will take place on Friday night at 8 p. m. The Moderator of the Chicago Presbytery will preach the sermon and ask the constitutional questions. Rev. James G. K. McClure, D. D., who is well known to the congregation, will give the charge to the people. The Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., will give the charge to the minister. All those interested in the Church are cordially invited to be present.

On the last three Sundays in May the minister will hold a Communicants' Class in the Parish House at 5 p. m. This will be for those who are considering the question of uniting with the Church on profession of their faith in Christ at the Communion Service on the first Sunday in June, and will include more especially the older members of the Bible School of the Church.

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PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The Lincoln School Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Wednesday afternoon, May first at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. R. L. Sandwick will give a talk which will be of special interest to those whose children are to enter high school next fall. The election of officers for the coming year will take place. A large attendance is desired.

Mrs. Philomela E. Cody Mrs. Philomela E. Cody, widow of Hiram H. Cody, died at her home in Chicago on Saturday, April 20th. Mrs. Cody was 91 years of age and for seventy-five years had made her home in Illinois. Funeral services were held on Monday at her home. Dr. Frank W. Gunsalus and Mr. E. P. Sedgwick, her nephew, both spoke.