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The Center

Abraham Lincoln understood the boys in the army. At the time of the Civil War there were twenty-four young boys sentenced by court-martial to be shot as deserters and the warrants for their execution were brought to the President to be signed. He refused. "Remember that mercy to the few is cruelty to the many," urged the general who had brought the warrants. Lincoln replied, "Mr. General, there are already too many weeping mothers in the United States. Don't ask me to add to the number for I won't do it. Kill these lads? The boys were homesick and wanted their mothers. We'll give them another chance."

The boys of 1918 are the same as the boys of '61. They feel the need of home. They miss the moral support of their friends. They miss that ideal which they have set for themselves and which their friends hold constant before their vision. They miss the kind faces of good women when the world grows dark and they reach out after virtue and light.

Cantonments are cold. They lack the human touch and the familiarity of home. Although Fort Sheridan is a magnificent military post, it has no old-fashioned parlor, no kitchen with tradition of jelly tarts and pies, no vine-covered porch, no pump that needs priming. Alike the boys from the country and the boy from the city find themselves living within cold bare walls with nothing to remind them of the comfort, the quiet, and the warm humanities of home.

Highland Park is trying to give these men at Fort Sheridan and the Great Lakes something to take the place of home. Under the very efficient leadership of Mrs. George R. Jones, the women of Highland Park have made a gathering place for these boys, have furnished and fitted rooms with the comfortable appointments of home, where they can read books and periodicals, hear good music, play games, write letters, listen to able speakers. Here they can meet good women who have their interest at heart, sometimes women whose sons are "over there" and who have mothers' warrant of understanding. Notwithstanding the fact that many believed Fort Sheridan deserted since last fall, there have been two thousand of our boys there all winter during which time these persevering constant women of The Center have kept the homes fires burning every minute.

People of Highland Park, open your homes to these boys—you with the spacious silent rooms where little feet no longer pitter and little hands have ceased to pull things into disorder. These boys have patriotism of a timbre that will lift you up. They need you and you need them.

Sharp Practice

If reports are true a local citizen has been making money by discounting Liberty Bonds. This kind of citizen will be found with account book and pen in the rear of every great movement. While the vanguard advances with eyes to the heavens looking for light, he skulks in the rear, his eyes on the ground looking for shakels.

The weak recruits in the rearguard are his prey. The woman who works by the day and supports her children, subscribes for a bond but in the pinch of necessity finds herself unable to meet a payment. This man buys the bond at a marked discount.

We have here a new type of shirker. We are familiar with the draft dodger: the fat-footed, the weak-kneed, the short-sighted, the man who supports his father, the millionaire's son-in-law sole support of his wife, the man in the bullet proof job, the man who seeks a more favorable climate when the Liberty Loan drive is on. All these types we have recognized, labeled, and pigeon-holed, but regrettable as they are, they are not as bad as this usurer. Even Shylock did not traffic in patriotism, and demanded only what was coming to him—his pound of flesh.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Through an oversight in publishing the list of boys who were leaving for war service last week, the following names were left off: Benjamin Booth, Battista Carini, Giovanni Bertucci, and Henry Berbieh. We are glad to make this correction. The names will also appear on the Honor Roll.

Mr. Earl Curtis of Chicago was a week end guest at the C. F. Leach home on Glencoe Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Canfield of Chicago will make their home in this city during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Watkins of Chicago will spend the summer at the Exmoor Club again this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Thayer have moved from their home on Linden Ave. to 346 Prospect Ave.

Mr. W. J. Louderback is spending a short vacation in the east, visiting at Atlantic City and New York.

Mrs. Arthur Van Schalek and children leave this week for Beaumont, Cal., to be the guests all summer of Mrs. Van Schalek's mother. Mr. Van Schalek will go on later. The house has been rented to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes of Chicago.

Miss Marjorie Erickson of W. Central Ave. is enjoying her vacation from her work as telephone operator.

Mrs. Roger Vail has as her guests her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Bloss of Rochester, N. Y.

The Ravinia Commission meeting which was postponed from the second to the third Tuesday in May, will be held on the twenty-first. Five new directors will be elected, the following names having been submitted by the nominating committee, Mrs. C. E. Woodruff, Mr. J. L. Fearing, Mr. Lester G. Wood, Mr. Charles E. Weeks and Mr. B. A. Liesnering.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glass who have been in Chicago all winter have opened their house on Cary Ave. for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Carr are at French Lick Springs for the week.

Miss Mabel Gladstone and Mr. Frank Beemus of Chicago visited friends here, on Sunday.

Mr. Leo Delhaye left Sunday for New York preparatory to sailing for France where he is to be engaged in the superintending of the construction of Y. M. C. A. buildings.

On Monday, May 13th, Highland Park is to be tagged. The object of the tag day is adults and children's charities. Don't forget to be prepared. Make the thirteenth a lucky one for charity.

In referring to the Ravinia Club activities in last week's paper the following names were left off the Highland Park committee, Mrs. Henry Dickison, Mrs. Stewart Reed Brown and Miss Ruth Bearisley.

Mr. Jerome Steerer who has finished a course in aviation at Columbus, Ohio, has received a commission and been assigned to duty at Fort Wayne, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry White are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son born Thursday May second.

Rev. F. Holke will return the latter part of this week from Freeport, Ill., where he was called on business.

Mrs. E. M. Umbach and two children are leaving this week for Marion, Ia., where she will spend the summer with her parents. Rev. Umbach will report at Camp Dodge, Ia., for army Y. M. C. A. work Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Elston of Astor St., Chicago will make their home in this city this summer.

Miss Mable Ernst and Miss Florence Warner were the Sunday guests of Miss Ada Williams of Evanston.

Mr. Irving Clow left Thursday for Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he has enlisted with the artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill and daughters Helen and Ethel were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Wahlen of Chicago.

The regular meeting of Campbell Chapter, O. E. S., will be held this evening in Masonic Hall.

Mrs. William Holke and daughter Miss Mildred of Chicago are spending a few days this week with her sister Miss Anna Holke.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schuster and small son Billy are living with Mrs. James Grant of Ravine Ave. Mr. Schuster will take charge of the stage direction at Ravinia Park this summer.

Several members of Campbell Chapter O. E. S. attended Wilmette Chapter on Monday evening. At this meeting the Worthy Grand Matron of Illinois was entertained.

Mrs. James Grant who with her daughter Mrs. Russell and daughter Florence of Oak Park spent the past winter in Eustis, Fla., visiting her sister Mrs. Ewart returned home last week.

Mr. Leslie Grant who enlisted some time ago with the Merchant Marines is now encamped on the Municipal Pier, Chicago.

Mrs. Fred Oehlens of Milwaukee, Wis. is spending a few days this week with her nephew and niece; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith.

Mrs. James Hayes of Central Ave. had as her guests her brother Mr. Walter Taylor and sisters the Misses Taylor of Waukegan on Sunday.

The pupils of the Sisters of Loretta will give a recital this afternoon in Witten Hall at three o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Decker had as their Sunday guest Miss Rena Decker of Evanston. Miss Decker left the early part of the week for Oklahoma where she will enter a Red Cross training camp for nurses.

Mrs. Clarence Smith who has been spending several weeks with her mother Mrs. Holabird left Saturday for Cincinnati, O., where she will join with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Orren E. Keller who spent the past ten days in New York have returned home.

Mr. Diehl of Texas, a former resident of this city spent Sunday visiting friends.

Mrs. George M. Campbell of Sheridan Rd. is now in New York visiting her niece Mrs. Hettie Greene.

Mrs. Walter McNeil and children of Lincoln Ave. has returned from Buffalo, N. Y. where she spent the past two weeks visiting her parents.

Mrs. Everett Millard and daughter Betty and Miss Edith Boynton who spent the past few months at Santa Barbara, Cal., returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Boynton will return home the early part of next week from Washington, D. C. where they have been for several weeks. After a short vacation Mr. Boynton will again return to Washington to resume his duties.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Boynton will remain another month in Santa Barbara, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mauran who spent the past winter in Chicago have returned to their summer home on Dean Ave.

Mrs. Sellar Bullard of Orchard Lane is spending several weeks in California.

Mrs. L. M. Rutledge and Mrs. Charles Jaeger are spending a few weeks at Mt. Clements, Mich.

Mrs. Annette Jones is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Buck have sold their home on Marshman Ave. to Mr. and Mrs. Parnum of Chicago who took possession of it yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Buck are living in the Fairweather cottage on Bronson Ave. until their home is completed.

Mrs. Paul Smith is spending this week in Atlantic City.

Master Earl Arnsward of Chicago was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Arnsward.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garling announce the birth of a baby girl on Tuesday, May 7th.

Mr. Daniel Cobb leaves Saturday for Columbus Barracks enroute to Camp Hancock, Ga. He will enter the College Men's Ordnance Field Artillery Service.

Mr. F. Niles returned home Saturday from the Evanston hospital, where he has been for the past three weeks with a broken ankle, which he sustained by a fall from a step ladder. Although he is able to be about on crutches it will probably be several weeks before he is able to resume work.

The marriage of Miss Helen Good-kind of St. Paul, Minn., to Mr. Herman Helfenthal of Chicago will take place Thursday, May 16th at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lesling J. Rosenwald. Only the immediate relatives will be present.

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EVERYTHING must have a beginning and the early Electric Fans were not in the class with those of today from the big ones down to the little fellow that you can carry around from room to room for its job of changing the climate.

THE United States Government took official notice of the Electric Fans last fall. The Department of Agriculture printed a bulletin showing the fan, like the ever good sport it is, would help in the operation of preserving vegetables.

SAYS the Bulletin: "Many sliced vegetables and fruits placed in long trays and stacked in two tiers end to end before an Electric Fan can be dried to the requisite dryness in 24 hours. The method has a marked advantage."

OF course we know the fan comes to the front in a good many uses, easily discoverable. They're subordinate, however, to the proposition of comfort. It's right there on that point and a necessity if you believe in efficiency. That doctrine falls flat on its face if you omit the factor of comfort.

YOU may watch the phases of the moon, observe the goosebone or pursue any other method but you won't guess the weather in this sector often enough to earn a medal. If there should come along one of those well known Illinois siroccos it wouldn't dry the the morning dews much faster than it would scoop up all the Electric Fans. You better buy early.

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Highland Park bowlers may bowl at the Majestic Alleys. Remember, a bowler who gets a score of 60 has a good chance as one getting 225.

Remember the cause and try and do your bit for the big Rockford Camp. Entries will be taken at Majestic Alleys any evening or phone 444 for information.