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THE SPIRIT OF THE DAY.

Sons in Service Day was a long step for Highland Park towards a realization of the principles for which our boys are fighting on the field of honor. Was it patriotism, religion, or both that animated the crowds, the earnest committees, the marching men—we do not know, but it was a day of inspiration. Although clouds lowered in the morning and threw a gloom upon our expectations, as soon as the parade began to form, as by a strange symbolism, the sun shone bright on our first Sons in Service Day.

A fervent desire to do honor to the fathers and mothers who have given their sons to their country prompted a few of our townsmen to originate this day, and all who took part in its activities worked in the same glowing spirit. The boys from Ft. Sheridan and Great Lakes were conscious that they were not marching merely for military display. They were mustered for a peculiar purpose—to honor the parents of the Highland Park boys in service, and as they swung in glittering array under the Sons in Service banner, they felt their own hearts leap and knew that with every pulse of that march they were offering up a silent tribute to their own mothers and fathers at home.

The Governor with a son in service did not fail to feel and interpret the patriotic spirit of the day. As he talked of the war and what it signified to us, we recognized the "war Governor." When he recalled to those parents the childhood of their boys, we recognized the father. Some liked to play at soldiering, and wear paper caps. Their chubby fingers had essayed the manual of arms with a toy gun, their little bodies stood rigid at salute. These boys were probably in the infantry. Or perhaps they liked to play with little ships, and send them exploring distant corners of the room on dark and dangerous voyages. These boys were now on our great men-of-war. Then the boy with the mechanical turn whose baby fingers first busied themselves with fitting building blocks into square holes or little cylinders into round ones. They are the engineers. Last the dreamer—the lover of nature and all of her myriad creatures. The gentle one who never misses the faint message of the still small voice, whose soul is tuned to poetry, harmony, and love. He is perhaps a member of one of those organizations of mercy which are doing so much to mitigate the stern conditions of army life.

The Governor spoke of our great history, recalling our most beloved and cherished traditions—all of which were as nothing unless we carry this war to a successful conclusion.

Again he answered the spirit of the day when he read the letters from the front and touched the question of spiritual regeneration in France, with the Allies, and among our own boys. It is something just beyond us a little—around the bend of the road, but it is there, ready to lay hold on us and consecrate us to the task we have before us.

Our last view of the Governor was that of the democrat, the man who loves to work with his strong hands who, under the hot sun stood in shirt sleeves and shook hands with a long line of parents grateful for his encouragement. His words to them were sympathetic, reassuring, inspiring, never once failing to interpret the spirit of that glorious day. He took up our idea of honoring the mothers and fathers of our boys in service, and sharpened and crystallized its meaning. If we invited him here to do honor to the parents because he was our Governor, he left us with the feeling that he was more than Governor—a simple and great-hearted man.

Would that every public official in the land had a son on the field of honor. It is an open sesame to surer understanding, deeper sympathy, larger vision, for it pierces the shams of a civilization cluttered with material things, and sets free the noblest impulses of the soul.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Miss Lillian Russel of Arlington Heights who formerly resided in Highland Park, is at present spending a few days at the Highland Park hospital where she went for a slight operation.

Mrs. Frederick H. Muller and son of Chicago are visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. Boehm of Highland Park.

Mrs. Julius Greimer of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. Joseph Meister of Detroit, Mich., were the week-end guests of Mrs. Wm. Denzel.

Miss Margaret Farmer spent last week visiting relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. C. G. Alexander attended the annual meeting and luncheon of the Women's Western Golf Association at Onwentsia Club on Tuesday.

Mr. John Farmer has left the Great Lakes Station and is now stationed at Ellis Island, N. Y., preparatory to sailing for over-seas duty.

On the seventh of August, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cady of Waukegan. Mrs. Cady was formerly Miss Edna Van Riper of this city.

The Sisters of Loretto who have been attending summer school at Loretto, Ky., will return to Highland Park the latter part of this week.

The Red Cross Campbell Chapter will discontinue during August. The first meeting will be held on the first Friday of September.

George Greimer of Toronto, Canada, is the guest this week of Robert Denzel.

Mrs. Joseph Wineman and family of Kenwood Ave., Chicago, are spending this week at the Moraine as the guests of Mrs. Wineman's mother, Mrs. Isabel Mandel.

Mrs. Minnie Vincent is enjoying a week's vacation.

The Wm. Denzel's have bought the Coon residence on S. Second street and are renovating it, preparatory to making it their future home.

Mr. Orville St. Peter has been ill about ten days and expects to go to the hospital toward the last of the week.

Private Martin E. Kopp who has been in training at Paris Island, South Carolina, has been one of the men picked from the ranks to go to the non-commissioned officers' school. On completion of the course, the men are made drill instructors. As soon as they show themselves capable of handling a company, they will leave for France.

Miss Doris Kenyon, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting Miss Grace Andrews at the Exmoor Country Club. Miss Kenyon and Miss Andrews are roommates at Farmington. Last week Miss Kenyon was the guest of Miss Isabel Watkins, who also attends Farmington and who is spending the summer at Exmoor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Watkins.

Miss Mable Ernst and Miss Florence Warner are spending ten days at Lake George, Mich., as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan.

Mrs. H. Mills and daughter Mary returned Tuesday after a week's visit at Muncie, Ind., as the guest of Miss D. McMahon. Miss McMahon was a former resident of Highland Park.

Mrs. John McCaffery, of S. First street, had as her Sunday guests the Misses Gertrude Seeyers, Florence Carolan and Gertrude Leuth, of Evanston.

Miss Priscilla Carver has returned from Green Lake, Wis., where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Morgan, of Highland Park, who are summering at Green Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norcross and family have gone to their cottage at Long Lake, Wis., for the rest of the summer.

Miss Dorothy Sheahan was the week-end guest of Miss Ruth Kuehny of Ravenswood.

Mr. Henry Schendoff of New Orleans is spending this month with his family on Central Ave.

Miss Caroline Schofield has returned from a visit to Oconomowoc, where she was the guest of Miss Kay Card. This week Miss Card will visit Miss Schofield and Miss Frances Holbrook.

Mr. Harry Maroney and Mr. John O'Brien are enjoying two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Ellis Faxon has been recommended for the post of Pursuit Pilot and has been ordered to Wrightfield, Dayton, Ohio, from Doorfield, Arcadia, Florida, where he received his commission as lieutenant. His first ground school aviation work was accomplished at Champaign. He received the highest mark given for flying and general ability.

Miss Mary Rouse, of Aris, Ill., spent the first of last week visiting the Dean Aynleys on McDaniels Ave.

Miss Salome Brand has returned from a five weeks' visit with relatives at Randon Lake.

Mrs. E. Roger Fritsch and baby have returned to Perry, Ia., after spending a month with relatives here.

The latter part of this week Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dooley will motor to Twin Lakes, Wis., where they will be the guests of the Mike DeLaays of Waukegan, who are spending several weeks at the Lakes.

The Arthur Smiths of Chicago, spent Friday and Saturday of last week visiting relatives here and attended the celebration at the lake front on Saturday afternoon.

Early Sunday morning Mrs. Agnes Duffy fell down stairs and was taken to the Highland Park Hospital. No bones were broken and she is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brand have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Orth and daughters, of Randon Lake, Wisconsin also, Mr. and Mrs. Pieckels, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly of Wisconsin. They will motor back to Wisconsin the latter part of this week and will take Miss Salome with them to remain until the school term opens.

The Misses Grace and Bessie Carolan were the week-end guests of their sister, Mrs. McCaffery.

Miss Catherine Barr, who for the past few weeks has been quite ill has returned home from the hospital and is much improved.

Mr. R. L. Stevenson, of Camp Grant, spent the week-end at his home on Central Ave.

Mrs. Carl Horenberger, of Central Ave., had as her week-end guests her sister, Mrs. Oral McConnotie, and family, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, of Portland, Maine, are visiting the O. B. Brands.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ordmond are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl.

Mrs. Andrew Bloomfield, of Glenview Ave., had as her guests on last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamburg and daughter Ellie, of Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewer have moved into their new home on Glenview Ave.

Mr. Andrew Bloomfield and Mr. James Bloomfield, of Chicago, are motoring to Portage, Wis., to visit their brother.

The James Bloomfields of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. L. Knight, of Evansville, Wis., visited last week with the Andrew Bloomfields.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Deane and two daughters, who were the guests of Mrs. Henry W. Boyd, of Prospect Ave., returned last week to their home at Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.

Mr. John A. Putnam returned home from a trip to Saratoga Springs and Camden, New York.

Reverend and Mrs. A. A. Pfantstiel are visiting at the home of Mr. Carl Pfantstiel.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hastings have a baby girl, born August 2, 1918.

Miss Anna Cobb, of Highland Park, who has been on Long Island for some time, is at present visiting Major and Mrs. Patten, at West Point, N. Y. Mrs. Patten was Miss Helen Clark, of Highland Park.

David Carlson, of North St. Johns Ave., left Tuesday for Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, with the engineer corps.

Mr. E. M. Umbach, recreational director at the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Dodge, Iowa, called on Highland Park friends Tuesday. Mr. Umbach is now on a brief furlough.

Word received this week from Mrs. John Honaker states that her husband, Lieutenant Honaker, recently commissioned at the R. O. T. C. camp at Fort Sheridan, has been injured in automobile accident in France; he has been in a hospital for two months. The letter also stated that Lieutenant Honaker had been active in front line trenches on two occasions.

Harry Butler and Clarence McNalley will leave next Sunday for an automobile trip to Starved Rock, Peoria, Decatur and Springfield.

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Y. W. C. A. NEWS

The Loyalty League of the Y. W. C. A. have undertaken as their patriotic service for the coming year the adoption of a French orphan. The fund which are nearly all raised have been secured by raffling off a pair of hand-made pillow cases, the work of two of the members of the League.

This is certainly worth while work and deserves the commendation of all. The taking care of these little ones who are the innocent victims of the disaster of war is something the club should be proud of.

Twenty members of the Girls Scouts with their leader, Mrs. Carlton Vall, left Monday mornin for the Association camp at Dinces Lake where they will camp for a week in the Edith McGregor Adams cottage belongin to the Highland Park Y. W. C. A.

This cottage has afforded a great deal of pleasure to the Association girls this summer.

Bird talks Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for the Junior girls by Mary Colton are proving very interesting to the little folks. If any care for birds send them to the Y. W. C. A. Friday at 3:00 o'clock.