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SONS IN SERVICE

Rarely in the short history of this column have we been able to publish so timely a letter as the following which gives an accurate word picture of the arrival of President Wilson in France and his ardent reception by the French people. The writer, Merritt Leroy, of Highland Park, has for the past year been in active service of the Y. M. C. A. in France in the capacity of cartoonist and entertainer. He writes the Udell brothers in accordance with a promise he made before he left, a letter for publication in the Press:

Brest, France
15th Dec., 1918

Udell Brothers,
Highland Park, Ill.
Dear Friends:—
Having promised to write you a line or two for publication as soon as the censor would permit me to do so, here goes.

Since leaving Highland Park I have had the pleasure of witnessing three important events. The first was in London on the day when the armistice was signed and almost instantaneously the buildings were covered with flags and bunting, and the streets crowded with shouting, happy dancing people. I joined in with those who were going towards Buckingham palace and found myself a resting place on one of the arms of a huge bronze statue in front of the palace. Then I saw the King and Queen come out and ride down thru the shouting crowds that extended a long way down the avenue.

Next was the day in Paris when King George of England, Marshal Foch of France and many other notable were welcomed in Paris by enthusiastic people.

And then on Friday, December thirteenth, I had the privilege of seeing the landing and welcome to France of President Wilson. This was the greatest of all events, and long to be remembered by anyone fortunate enough to be present. The old-fashioned city of Brest was gay with bunting and flags of the Allies, the flag of the U. S. being the most prominent both in size and number. Across the main thoroughfares streamers were stretched, some having President Wilson's picture on them with various wordings, among which were "Hurrah for Woodrow Wilson," "Welcome to Woodrow Wilson, the Defender of the People," one side being in French and the other in the English language.

Long before the time for the escort to reach anchorage, the streets were crowded with men and women in every conceivable costume. The khaki of the U. S. Army was the predominant color, through which ran the blue of the Navy, the light blue of the French soldier, and the bright red spots of the French sailor caps. The var-colored dress of the civilians also presented a lot of color. The quaint white head-dress of the peasant women of Brittany, and the broad-brimmed hats with long ribbons on them worn by the men were very noticeable.

One very pleasing feature was the bands of young men and women, arm in arm, in their best holiday dress; the men in velvet knee pants, velvet jackets and broad-brimmed velvet hats, with gaily colored hose and shirts, and ribbons on their hats; the young women in bright colored red, yellow, blue and purple silks, covered with fine hand embroidery and wearing beautiful hand-made lace shawls. Every neighboring village sent in bands of twenty or thirty of these couples, and they were led by one or more pipers playing on an instrument similar only smaller than a Scotch bag pipe.

Some of the dresses worn by these peasants were very fine and very expensive. They are heirlooms which have been kept in the family for years and handed down from mother to daughter for generation after generation to be used only on state occasions.

The boat landing is much lower than the city proper and a beautiful curved road extends upward thru the city to the railroad station about a mile away. Here the slopes on either side of the road were literally covered with people who waited patiently over three hours for the appearance of the President. At last the guns boomed out and every ship joined in the great salute given by the escort which was answered by the guns of the fort, and then we all knew that President Wilson was on his way.

The first sight to greet the President on landing was thousands of school children of every size and age, each with an American flag in hand. The railroad station was lined on either side by sailors and soldiers and automobiles filled by notables, followed by the President's automobile from the landing to the train. It certainly was a great occasion—a great

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

On last Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Christiansen of Oak Park were the guests of the Broke Andersons of Beach Street. Mr. Christiansen came out to the Deerfield-Shields High School some time ago as one of the volunteer entertainers of the War Camp Community Service and those who were fortunate enough to hear him on that occasion have been trying ever since to get him to come out again and last Sunday evening proved the fortunate occasion.

Mr. Christiansen is a wonderful artist and an all round entertainer and his rendition of the "Kiss on the Stairs" is a little classic of itself. The little group that were fortunate enough to hear him proclaimed all of his offerings masterpieces but his imitation of Bert Williams "Slippery Elm Tree" and "The Kiss on the Stairs" will never be forgotten. Mr. Christiansen has promised to come back to the Deerfield-Shields High School soon when we will all have a chance to hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Sander-son, South Linden Ave., entertained on Monday evening at a Twelfth Night party, and following the old English custom the guests came in costume. The host and hostess received as native born Americans, and impersonated "Blackhawk Chief and Squaw, giving all a welcome that was sufficiently enthusiastic as to be characteristically all American and some Indian.

As in the opening scene of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," when the Duke of Illyria appears in the first act, saying "if music be the food of love, play on—give me excess of it." The host and hostess welcomed the costumed guests while the music played on.

Prim little maidens with hoop skirts arrived, attended by Knights of the Holy Grail; quaker maidens with camouflaged quaker husbands came too, while the Red Cross Nurses with a distinguished looking Slavonian as an escort grouped themselves with the others around the reception room; sedate and pious looking deacons returned to "District Skule" days, and appeared in knickers and red hair; Maude Muller, minus her rake, but supplied with a rube in place of same occupied space; old Doc. Munyon, "Cure-All" was there too with pretty Pierrot, and others that defied labelling. Music and dancing formed a part of the entertainment of the evening but the greater part of the time was consumed in giving the "once over" to the costumes, many of which had long since rested peacefully in the attics of several of our best homes until the birth of the costume party idea, when the Salvation Army lost out and the Twelfth Nighters benefited thereby. A bountiful table of refreshments awaited the guests in the dining room, which took one back to the pre-war days, and which was enjoyed by all.

When the party broke up and started home a milkman's horse made a

half-mile on Central Avenue in 54 flat after one view of the Twelfth Nighters who were wending their way home on the morning of the thirteenth after Christmas.

Miss Eunice Knox entertained twenty of her friends Monday evening, December 30, at an informal dancing party.

Miss Isabel Bamborough entertained a few of her friends at a coasting party Saturday evening.

Miss Marjorie Leaming entertained sixteen of her friends last Saturday evening. Old time games and dancing were the features of the evening.

A number of young people were delightfully entertained at an informal dance Saturday evening at the home of Miss Alice Knox.

Miss Priscilla Norenberg entertained a few friends New Year's Eve. The out of town guests were from Oak Park and Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch W. Metzger entertained twelve guests at dinner on New Year's Day.

Mr. Jerry C. Leaming entertained twelve of his young friends at a luncheon on Monday, December 30.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSN.

"A Town with Flies Has Room for Improvement" was Mrs. Grace Osborn's slogan in her talk before the D. S. H. S. Parent-Teacher Association last Thursday afternoon, on the Modern Health Crusaders. Increased efficiency in the work of the pupils is manifested as soon as the score cards of the daily decencies of life are filled out.

Mr. Sholes, the versatile chemistry teacher of the High School, played several popular airs on the Zylphone with Mrs. Winston, the president, at the piano.

The hour of meeting has been changed from three to two-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. Willett will give her talk on "Better American Speech" the first Monday in February in the High School.

A social committee composed of two members from each class will formulate a plan for conducting the dances held twice a month for the students of the high school to which an admission fee of five cents will be charged.

H. P. WOMAN'S CLUB

The Highland Park Woman's Club met last Tuesday afternoon at Witten Hall. An admirable program was given by two greatly esteemed members, Miss Pownall at the piano, and Mrs. Frank B. Greene gave her paper on "Emily Dickinson, the Poet."

The next meeting is to be an evening meeting, January 21st at the Presbyterian lecture room. This meeting is open to guests. Mr. Percy B. Eckhardt, who has been enjoyed by the club heretofore, will give a travelogue with lantern slides. Mr. Krieger, Ft. Sheridan Y. M. C. A. secretary, will give several piano selections.

Coffee

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Y. W. C. A. NEWS

Miss Reynolds, the new girls' work secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, began her work Monday.

For some time past there has been an effort to secure help for the fast increasing work of the association which is broadening and developing in every way, but the right kind of assistance seemed difficult to find as the needs of the Association demand one of versatile talents.

However, in Miss Reynolds, who comes from the Milwaukee Y. W. C. A., it is felt that the right person has been sent, and we look forward to her work among the Girls' Clubs with great promise of better things. Her specialty will be advising and planning for the girls, both Juniors and Seniors, and the recreation work which is so necessary a part of the Y. W. C. A. activities, thus leaving the General Secretary free for the work that naturally requires the time of the executive of an organization of this kind.

Now that the holidays are over the clubs have resumed their meetings and work is going on as before. The Juniors are busy on scrap books for the hospital at Fort Sheridan.

Ever one who heard Dr. Franc Morris in her lecture December 13 will be delighted to know that she will give a return address in the Association rooms Friday evening, Jan. 10, to which all young women are invited.

She brings a world of information which will interest all young women at this time of the world's history, and it is hoped that all will make an effort to hear this talented woman next Friday evening at eight.

Special music will be provided and a general good time will follow.

The usual Vespers service will be held next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

A small cabinet of some kind that can be locked is greatly needed in the Hostess Rooms at Ft. Sheridan. Anyone having one to sell or give away will confer a favor by calling 675, the General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for further information.

Anyone having articles of any kind to donate to the Y. W. C. A. Rummage Sale which will be held in the spring can send them to the Association Rooms at any time as provision has been made for taking care of them.

A Senior Dancing class will open Thursday evening, Jan. 16, under Mrs. Humphrey and Miss Lloyd.

Those interested should be on hand that evening at 8:30 as the continuance depends upon the first evening's attendance.

The people who favor sinking the German fleet because we can't agree on its division, have not yet favored burning down the government buildings at Washington because the Republicans and Democrats are still scrapping.

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