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WAR CAMP COMMUNITY

The war may be over but the activities of the War Camp Community Service are not; it would rather be in order to say that they have just begun: the boys are talking about this center: there are two ways to talk about anything or a person: one to talk for and the other to talk against the thing or person; we are fortunate in having the boys talk for us. We do not talk against our Center among ourselves: these conditions result in an ultimate success that defies every force that tends to destroy or put at naught.

Secretary Loomis journeyed out from Chicago to see how it was done and after a careful inspection and a careful "once over" he declared our community dance to be the greatest ever; we knew this before our distinguished guest affirmed it as his opinion, but it was kind of nice of him to tell it to us; we feel that one in authority has spoken on the subject.

Last Saturday evening 538 soldiers sailors and young ladies and hosts and hostesses were on hand to enjoy the festivities of the evening, including our former directress, Miss Lucille Calkins, and the whole thing was lots of fun. This is our record crowd.

One young lady from down shore a bit journeyed to our dance, not because her home town did not have a center, but rather in spite of the fact and after dancing with our boys, she said, "I would rather dance than do anything else in the world." Now when you consider that this big world holds in its embrace opportunities of all sorts to please the average young person, such as golf, tennis, bridge, gossip, and a million other things, one can conjure up in their minds somewhat the exalted position that dancing occupies in this particular young lady's mind, and this young lady is not the only young lady that journeyed several miles to attend our dance or for that matter only young man that did likewise; there are several young men that have been out of the service several weeks that don their uniforms every Saturday night in order to qualify for War Community dance.

Some Saturday evenings we have more girls than boys and sometimes the reverse is true, but the real puzzle at the start was just how we were going to get enough girls to attend, but somehow the thing has changed about and now we are confronted with the proposition of trying to get enough boys to go around and all the time we are playing to a capacity house: we had "girls' choice and robber's dance" last Saturday evening every other dance, and with the result that four or five robberies in one dance was not uncommon.

We also tried the "Three Graces" with good results: the scheme is to have three boys circle around a dancing couple and when thus lassoed, the young lady is required to leave her partner and choose from among the three graces a new partner and the former partner then becomes a member of the three graces and starts out on a new venture to lasso some other couple; some others suggested that the name be changed to the "Three Pirates."

A new device has been secured for the purpose of tagging: it is an ordinary paper bag that the tagger blows up and breaks on the back of the young man of the couple to be tagged and the popping of the bursting bags last Saturday evening reminded the boys of the "tom tom" of the rapid firing squad "over there."

We had several convalescents from the Fort and we were mighty glad to have them come in and enjoy the evening; they did not dance but next to dancing looking on is a good substitute.

The St. Valentine's dance is to be given next Saturday. The girls of the Good Comrade club under the direction of Mrs. Roberts have full charge and from present indications, old St. Valentine is going to be honored with a real big party. The War Camp Community Board has stood in back of all the dances and on this occasion they have signified their willingness to loosen the purse strings so that a lot of little things dear to the feminine heart and fancy, are to be obtained and the boys' gymnasium is going to be dressed up in some brand new clothes purchased from a concern in the tissue paper business. There are going to be festoons and drapes and flags and favors for 500 are to be handed out: each boy and girl will receive on entering the hall a heart shaped card upon which will be inscribed his or her name: it is going to be a really and truly St. Valentine party. Over in one corner of the room will be billeted a young lady to tell fortunes and with hearts abounding here, there and everywhere, it is thought that Madame Fortune Teller will have some job on her hands and it is hoped that she will come prepared to put the blond lady and her heart and the

dark skinned youth with a heart aright so that henceforward matters of the heart will be clear sailing.

The orchestra that has been doing yeoman service is to be increased in number for this particular Saint Valentine party blow off.

The town folks are always welcome to come in and watch the dancers and anticipating a large crowd of town people, arrangements will be made to seat all non-dancers up in the gallery surrounding the dance floor.

General Wood Commands W. C. C. S.

The following letter is an extract from a letter from General Wood to the President of the W. C. C. S.: "The Clubs which you have established have done an immense amount of good. They not only furnish decent and pleasant places for the men to assemble in the towns and cities near cantonments but they tend to keep them off the streets and away from the vicious element which is always ready to pull the young soldier down. The work of your organization is a good work and I trust it will have the largest possible measure of support."

And the work which Highland Park is doing enables it to stand high among branches of the W. C. C. S. The Chicago W. C. C. S. secretary inspected activities in Highland Park last Saturday and complimented the various committees highly upon what they had accomplished. The good work is not yet finished, because the growing popularity among the men which attends the success of local work here necessitates constantly enlarging facilities.

The demand for cots by men who wish to spend the night in town keeps ahead of the supply, although additions have several times been made in the original equipment. The Army and Navy Center has outgrown its quarters twice. The committee on hospitality of which Mrs. F. D. Everett is chairman has had recently to be greatly enlarged.

Pool Tables Needed

The need for which contributions from Highland Park people are now earnestly solicited is that of additional pool tables. When the Center was first opened in 1918, it stood in line to play at the small, dilapidated table with the torn cover and uncertain legs which has since been replaced by two fairly good tables. These have for some time been inadequate, and the appeal for a third table has been delayed only because of lack of space at the Center. The addition which will soon be opened will enable space to be allotted for a third table, and this should be provided. At the same time, the Club at Highland Park is to be ready for use in a few days, with an attractive pool room—and no pool tables. Two are needed for this new Center. The cost of a good second hand table is \$150. Contributions toward this sum necessary for three tables will be received by Mr. Harris at the Army and Navy Center, or by any other member of the W. C. C. S. board.

Tea Served at Hospital

The hospital committee, of which Miss Charlotte Yoe is chairman, serves to patients at Fort Sheridan every Thursday afternoon, and arranges for automobile rides for those who are well enough to be taken out. The patients are learning to look forward to their visits and the number who attend the informal tea has increased to fifty. On Sunday evenings Miss Carver visits the Fort with other musicians. On February 2 the especial attraction was the mandolin club of young people who went from ward to ward repeating their performance and gathering admirers in their wake until the crowd was too large to get into a ward. On February 9 Mrs. Herbert Smith was applauded and made to give encores until she could sing no more, and then Miss Yoe sang, and finally everyone sang, including the guards on duty. A letter has been received from Maj. Reagle, Chief Educational Officer, asking the committee to continue their programs.

ADJUDICATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscribing Executrix of the Estate of Cassius S. Cushing deceased will attend the County Court of Lake County, Ill., a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of April next, 1919, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

FREDERICK W. CUSHING, Waukegan, Ill., February 10, 1919. (50-51-52-1)

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