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WAR CAMP COMMUNITY

It was "pay day" at Great Lakes and our attendance at the Saturday night dance suffered. Ordinarily pay day among civilians would mean a large attendance at any function given by them but not so among men in uniform; we are learning all the time and we have now fully digested the meaning of "pay day" among the men in uniform. We had prepared for 500 but instead came 450 and really that number is a large attendance for the average Center by Highland Park is not an average Center, it is a plus Center.

It would be wiser for the men in uniform to attend our dances but we are dealing with very young men in uniform and they do not always act with due regard for what is best for them and as a result the little money they get from Uncle Sam is passed on to Chicago, Milwaukee and Waukegan merchants. The Committee purchased about 500 favors in the shape of red, white and blue paper hats and George Washington's birthday was celebrated with much color and prettily; the hats were given out early in the evening and before eight o'clock the color scheme of red, white and blue had made a decided hit; the hostesses were aproned and bonneted with special favors and the punch bowl presided over by Mr. Wyles and draped with victory bunting was a very pretty nook of the hall and as usual a very popular place.

The gallery was very well represented by some of our prominent people who came to help celebrate and lend stability and grace to the occasion; they found their effort well rewarded, for from start to finish it was one glorious and interesting sight to see these young fellows and their partners dancing, laughing, marching and carrying on with nothing heavier on their minds than "what is the next dance going to be?" and "who am I going to get for a partner?" The three graces or pirates were out on the floor early in the evening and kept the gallery amused. Some of the girls would just get nicely started with a good dancer when along would come the pirates always operating in threes and encircle the couple and put an end to that particular couple's festivities and then the usual "get together and get acquainted" marches that were always interesting for the dancers never knew just who they would get as a partner until the signal "all dance" was given.

One sailor who had chanced in for the first time came up to one of the committee and enquired how long Highland Park had been giving these dances and on being advised that they had been in course of operation since last August, exclaimed, "Funny I never heard of it before. I just came from San Diego, Cal., last week and just thought I would run down and see Highland Park and see what it looked like and I was sent over to the dance." He was advised that the publicity committee on advertising had not advertised the dance as far as San Diego.

The greater part of the dancers are old-timers and as a rule they do not let anything interfere with this Center's Saturday evening dance and little old MR. CUPID, lit is said, is busy and from the way some of these men in uniform stick to one particular girl it would seem that he is making progress, but the girls should bear in mind that there is a Spanish proverb that might be appropos to the occasion which runs thusly: "a boy's love is like water in a sieve."

Wonders of wonders will never equal the work of the women of this Center. They work, work and work to make these dances successful and not one iota of compensation other than the consolation of knowing that they are doing their duty and adding their bit to their country's call of service. It would be begging the question to relate all they do but they go about it cheerfully, sweetly and efficiently and it leaves a big question open for discussion as to who did really win the war.

Then there are the girls—it's a very easy task to dance with young officers and young sailors and soldiers, especially if they are good looking and good dancers, but the real test of devotion to the Army and Navy is to dance with the "fellow who needs a friend," and some of the men in uniform are often in the position of Cartoonist Briggs' character sketch as drawn by him in the dailies—and known as "when a Fellow Needs a Friend."

Last Saturday night one of our boys who had fought "our" fight over there, and came back with a shattered jaw, so much so, that he could hardly talk, and in consequence had his head bandaged up completely, came up to the dance to look on. One of the ever watchful hostesses spotted him sitting in a corner all alone, while all about him danced with joy his fellows and Briggs had just one half hour to draw his pic-

ture as "The Fellow Who Needed a Friend," for he only lasted as a needful fellow for 30 minutes, after that he would not have qualified. The hostess approached several of the girls and asked them to dance with this real American soldier, and they did not dance with him once, but several times, and when asked how he was getting on, near the close of the dance, he said: "Say, I am having the time of my life."

Now these particular girls that danced with this soldier were the type of girls that have more partners at any dance than they know what to do with, but they never hesitate when asked to bring Mr. "When a Fellow Needs a Friend" out of the corner, but right up and "At-ago!" they went to him and he is now a new member of the Highland Park Center Booster Club—the membership is 10,000 or more.

The Army and Navy hospitals can patch up our soldiers and sailors, but the War Camp Community Centers, backed up by the ladies, can and do make them happy and really after it is all said and done "Happiness" is the real BIG word.

Y. W. C. A. NEWS

Mothers' Club Meeting

On Tuesday evening, March 4, at 7:30, the mothers of all girls who are interested in Y. W. C. A. activities are invited to meet at the Association rooms.

The program will be given entirely by the girls. Much interest has been shown in the preparations. The following numbers will be given:

Four dances by members of the Junior Dancing Class.

A short play by the Bluebird Corps of the Girl Reserves, under the direction of Mrs. Pitt.

A demonstration of Girl Reserve work including short talks on what the Girl Reserve means, and some of the things the girls have been learning, including a talk on gardening, occupations for women, and on the public institutions of this locality.

A song by Lois, Gladys and Alice Larson.

A demonstration of several games which the members of the Third Corps of Girl Reserves enjoy.

A comedy number by three of the Third Corps members.

A solo dance by Marjorie Bowden.

A violin solo by Miss Dora Krueger.

Costumes Missing A number of fancy dress costumes have been borrowed from the Y. W. C. A. and have not been returned. As they are often in demand, their prompt return would be appreciated.

Entre Nous Party

A Washington Party for wounded men from Ft. Sheridan was given by the members of the Entre Nous Club on Wednesday evening, February 26. The girls were dressed in colonial costumes, and the gymnasium was appropriately decorated. The evening was spent in dancing and games.

D. A. R. NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held on Thursday, Feb. 20, at the home of Mrs. Henry Boyd. Miss Phillips reported the work done by the Chapter at Fort Sheridan where light refreshments are served every Wednesday afternoon to the men who are able to go to the rooms of the American Library Association. She also told of the requests for special articles of food and other things which the members of the Chapter have been able to supply.

Mrs. Geo. B. Cummings of Waukegan gave a review of a few of the books dealing with various phases of the war and Mrs. F. B. Greene read a dialect story.

Mr. Krieger of the Y. M. C. A. at Fort Sheridan played several selections. The program was followed by a social hour.

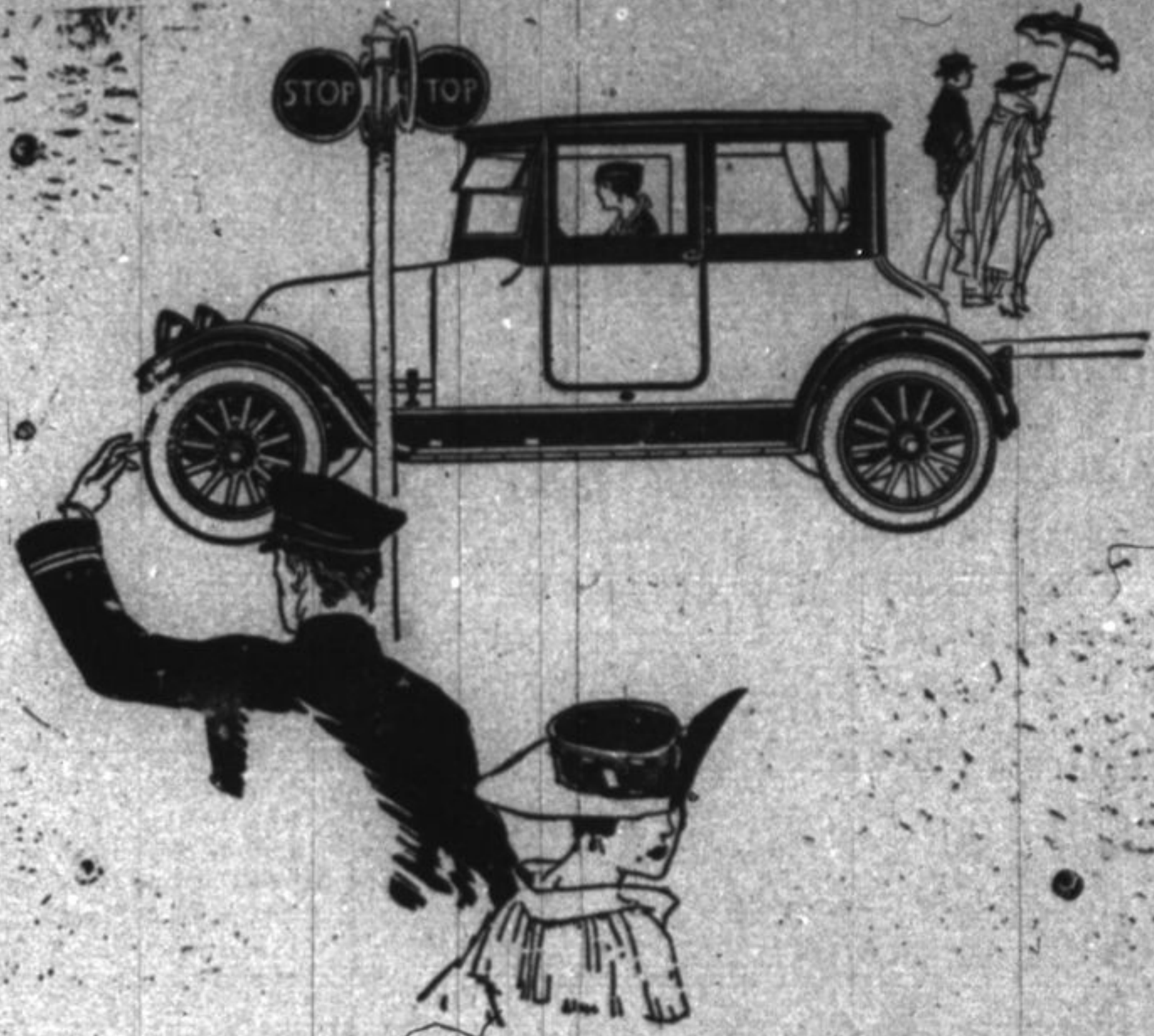
PARENT-TEACHER ASS'N.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Lincoln school will be held on Thursday afternoon instead of Wednesday March 6. This meeting will be in charge of the special teachers and will begin at 2:30 in order to give the children the opportunity to take part in the program. Following this demonstration there will be a general discussion of the work and parents will be given an opportunity to ask questions.

The politicians all have nephews, cousins, and personal heeled who have the most admirable qualifications for sculpting soldiers' monuments for their home towns.

What the boys hanging round the cantonments want is their discharge papers, and they don't care a hang whether they are hand engraved or tied up with blue ribbon or not.

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