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### TOWN BLIGHT

A noted Englishman says that "town blight" has affected both the Anglo-Saxon peoples—the British and the Americans. The lure of the cities with their movies, cabarets, vaudeville shows, their shopping districts, theatres, and bright lights is yearly decimating our rural population and increasing our cities. As population increases the standard of living always decreases. In Illinois, for instance, the population, outside of Chicago, is fifty people to the square mile, in Belgium, it is between five and six hundred, in China, from 2300 to 3700 people to the square mile; and the standard of living varies accordingly. A Chinaman can live on twenty-five dollars a year.

The only way, says the same writer, to prevent our increased population from undermining the health and the prosperity of the whole nation is to keep a proper balance between the producer and the consumer. And the only way to do this, in his opinion, is by education. Nor does he mean the education to be found in books. Not at all. What he means is education in the things that are worth living for—the value of an independent existence; of a vast outlook on fields and woods, and the satisfaction of working with the hands and being physically tired at the day's end. All these things will come to the city dweller's philosophy after a generation of hectic nervous living. Then the pendulum will, quite naturally, swing to the other end of the arc.

But when that time comes, all in its own good season, the race will have suffered physically from city-living; it will have become a race—decadent with "town blight." Everything that can be done possibly should be done now to get people "back to the land." Good roads and their accompanying good schools, and community centers will go a long way toward keeping the young people on the farms in the United States. Good sense, a strong leaven of Yankee philosophy, and a natural reaction will, we hope, take many city folk back.

### WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME

When we see the enthusiasm for the community house among the men who visit the Center, we wish very much that more of our Highland Park boys were back from service overseas. It is so obvious, so logical, so easy to see just why these fighting men want to get together, and yet it is quite necessary to see them together to know this fact.

Three hundred and twenty-nine young men are coming back to this town from the service, and we picture them, no doubt, taking up their old life just where they left it off, like a hurdy-gurdy which, stopped for a year and a half in the middle of a tune, patiently proceeds with the next note.

But this will not be true. These boys have lived and suffered together, they have fronted a common danger and a common foe, they have lived in an atmosphere where only the essentials of life count—courage, manliness, unselfishness, and a smiling philosophy. They have spent their recreation hours in the frail huts of the forward areas, writing letters, exchanging experiences, talking of home. Such ties and such habits are not easily broken.

At home we heard a vast deal about the new democracy from every orator and every newspaper in the land, and there was good reason why we should. But it was not altogether because of a new sense of fellowship born over here in America; it was rather because of the new democracy that was born in the trenches and among the fighting men. It was the democracy of the Salvation Army huts.

When these boys come home, they will still have the same huts. They may look very different from those at the front. They may take the form of a magnificent community house, built by the citizens for whom they went out to fight, or they may be crude little shacks built by their own hands, but, whatever outward form they may take, one thing is certain—they will conform to the spirit of democracy as "the boys" see it.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Miss Florence Warner spent Sunday in Evanston as the guest of Miss Adah Williams.

Mrs. Arthur Gruel and two children returned Saturday from Danville, Ill., where she spent the past two weeks visiting relatives.

Arthur Arnswald of the 108th Eng. returned home last week having been honorably discharged from the service.

The Frank Miller family of Homewood avenue are confined to their home with influenza.

Julia Seton M. D., founder of the Church of the New Civilization, spent the week end with Dr. Roberta Moore.

Mr. Ossel Sheafor left Sunday morning to motor to Boston, Mass. His wife, who is just recovering from an attack of influenza was unable to accompany her husband east.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Baldwin who have been at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, for the winter, have returned to their home in Highland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Tyner have returned to Highland Park and are living at the Moraine after spending the past six weeks in Florida and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Preston have returned home, after spending the past five weeks in California.

Mrs. John M. Tuttle and daughter, Catharine, will return early next month from Thomasville, Ga., where they have gone following their annual visit to Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Carr, who have spent the winter in Washington, are expected to return home April first.

Mrs. Walter McNeill of Lincoln avenue has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Barr of Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Alma Oleson returned home yesterday from the University of Illinois to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Oleson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McCaughey and Miss Mary McCaughey have closed their house and have moved to the Moraine.

Mr. Orville St. Peter, who underwent an operation at the Highland Park hospital two weeks ago, returned home Monday. Mr. St. Peter is very much improved.

Miss Lois Greene, a student of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Ia., returned home Saturday to spend an eighteen day vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Greene. Miss Dorothy Young, a classmate is the guest of Miss Greene.

Mrs. J. F. Leaming and Mrs. A. A. Putnam will represent the North Shore Chapter of the D. A. R. as regent and delegate, at a convention being held today and tomorrow in Moline, Ill.

Miss Bernice Tucker, who attends De Kalb Normal school, is spending the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker.

Mrs. Orrin Kellar of Ravinia is spending a month in California.

The Misses Ruth and Marie Bletsch spent Sunday in Ravenswood visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Bard have gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for a three weeks' sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Repholz are receiving congratulations on the birth of a ten and one-half pound baby boy, born Friday.

Miss Olga Benson is in Rockford, Ill., where she has accepted a position.

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. will hold their regular meeting this evening in Masonic hall.

Miss Aileen Shetzley was taken to the Highland Park hospital on Tuesday where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. George B. Burrage who has been in Pasadena for the past few months has returned with Mr. Burrage and will be at the Moraine until the opening of the Ekmoor where they have accommodations for the summer.

Mrs. Moffet and family are living in Highland Park until school closes, and will then join the Colonel who is with the 7th Cavalry at El Paso, Texas.

Mme. Mary Niskanen returned on Wednesday from a two months' trip in the South.

Miss Marion Norcross who attends Chicago University is spending the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Norcross.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Patton are at the Moraine for a short visit and will leave shortly for a trip to Japan and China possibly extending their journey around the world.

Mrs. W. P. Moffet spent the week end in Camp Grant with her son, Ernest who has just returned from France. He expects to be mustered out of the service this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Arnswald received a telegram Tuesday from their son, Theodore, saying that he had arrived in New York. This is the third of four sons who have seen active service, to return home. Albert Arnswald, the fourth son, is still with the 108th Engineers in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal C. Vilas and family have taken rooms at the Moraine for the summer and will arrive June 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCaffrey and children spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Carolan of Everett.

Mrs. Jas. Mulvihill and Mrs. Edward Gill will leave today for their home in California, having spent the past month visiting Mrs. Fred Green-slade.

Mr. John White, who has been stationed at Camp Taylor, Ky., is spending a month's furlough with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, of Central avenue.

Mrs. Michael Cawley of West Central avenue, spent the past few weeks visiting relatives in Chicago.

Miss Florence McLaughlan spent the week end in Chicago visiting Mrs. Tom McClory.

Mrs. Jas. Nolan has as her guest for a few weeks, her mother, Mrs. Flurrie of Racine, Wis.

Miss Lulu Elvy had as her Sunday guests Mr. Frank Baker and Mr. Edw. Hoyt of Chicago, and Mrs. Mary Erickson and daughter, Mabel, formerly of Highland Park.

Mr. Charles Henning received a telegram on Tuesday from his brother, Fred Henning, a member of the 64th Infantry, saying that he arrived safely from overseas, last Thursday and was stationed in Camp Stewart.

Gospel meetings are held every Sunday and Thursday evening at 7:45 in the parlors of the Baptist church, E. Laurel avenue. A cordial welcome is extended to all. A converted Irishman will give the address on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Robert Trimble, Jr., arrived home on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Trimble has been doing Red Cross work in the burned district near Duluth since last October and has completed her services there.

Among those returning home from the Illinois University for the Easter vacation are, Rodney Mason, Fairchild Doty, and Gordon Buchanan.

Elisha Stubbs who attends Princeton Preparatory School, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Elisha Gray.

Dr. H. B. Roberts, after being confined to his home for the past week with an injured foot, is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot R. Detchon who have taken the C. G. Alexander house on St. Johns Place for the summer will be at the Moraine until they can get possession of their home.

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Marshall and family who have spent the winter at their Florida home are at the Moraine.

Mr. George W. Norman who has spent the past winter in California, will return to the Bob O' Link on April first. Mr. Ben Freberg and Mr. G. L. Vetter, D. W. Turner and Mr. M. Turner will all return to the Bob O' Link. The Club is being prepared for the opening which will be announced at a later date.

Miss Boda Bergstrom and Mrs. Hugh Rafferty spent the week end in Paw Paw, Mich.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Bible school will meet at 9:30 next Sunday morning. Last Sunday the highest number in the history of the church attended.

The regular morning service will be held at 11.

The instruction class will meet at the manse at 4:30.

On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Woman's League in the Session Room.

There will be a Preparatory Service in the lecture room at 3:00 p. m. next Wednesday.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning service on Sunday week. The minister will be glad to meet any who desire to join either by letter or by profession of their faith in Christ.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on the night of Monday, April 7. It will be preceded by a dinner given under the auspices of the Dorcas Society.

The Dorcas Society will hold an all day meeting on Monday. Luncheon will be served.

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### Y. W. C. A. NEWS

#### Waukegan Losses

The High School and Business Girls' Basket Ball teams of the Waukegan Young Women's Patriotic League were defeated by the Highland Park Y. W. C. A. teams, in two exciting games at the Deerfield-Shields high school on Monday evening, March 24. The scores were 25 to 6 in the high school game, and 14 to 13 in the Business Girls' game. The game between the business girls' teams proved to be the closest match. At the end of the first half the score stood 6 to 4, in favor of our girls. Although the score was tied almost all through the last half, the result was 14 to 13 in favor of Highland Park when time was called.

In the game between the high school teams, the score was 11 to 3 in our favor at the end of the first half and 25 to 6 at the end of the game.

After the games, refreshments were served to the visiting teams and their friends at the Y. W. C. A. rooms.

Mr. H. G. Pertz was kind enough to referee both games, and the splendid sportsmanship which was exhibited was greatly aided by his work.

#### Mothers' Club Meeting

The Mothers' Club will meet next Tuesday evening April 1, at the Association rooms. The program will consist of several dances by the members of the Junior Dancing classes, music by the Y. W. C. A. girls, and a short talk on the proposed Community House for Highland Park by Mrs. Winston.

The mothers of all Y. W. C. A. girls are invited to attend this meeting. Come and hear a good program. Get better acquainted with the mothers of your girls' friends.

#### Dancing Classes Close

The term for the Dancing Classes will close Thursday, March 27. The members of the classes will give an exhibition of the work which they have accomplished during the past term, at the Spring Pageant which will be given by the Y. W. C. A. girls within a few weeks.

#### Big Sale Coming

Don't forget the dates of the Y. W. C. A. rummage sale, April 10, 11 and 12. Some articles have already been brought to the Association rooms. Any sort of wearing apparel or household goods will be gladly received. Remember the sale when you are housecleaning. All proceeds will go toward the carrying on of the local Y. W. C. A.

#### No Game Next Week

The Y. W. C. A. Basket Ball teams will not meet an opposing team next week, but will practice on Monday evening, as usual. The dates of the return games between Lake Forest and Waukegan, which will occur within the next two or three weeks, will be announced later.

The swimming pool will be open on Monday evening, also, and it is hoped that a large number of girls and women will make use of this opportunity.

#### Club Meetings Resumed

It has been necessary to suspend all club meetings during the past week because of the redecorating of the rooms. This week, however, all clubs will resume their activities.

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### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Garriek Club of the High School held its bi-monthly meeting March 18, in the English Club Room. A business meeting had been called the week before to take care of all business details, and so in the regular meeting the members enjoyed a one act farce, "Good-Bye," very well given by Dorothy Supple and Editha Parry.

On the afternoon of Friday, the 21st of March the Senior class gave an informal dance to the rest of the school for the sum of five cents per person. The birthday of Ireland's saint having occurred such a short time previous, it was quite appropriate that this be a St. Patrick's dance. The little programs were decorated with pictures of tall, green hats, and the names of the individual dancers were cleverly thought out. There were several favor dances, the favors being vivid green carnations. Altogether the dance was planned in an original way, and it was certainly a success, as is very nearly everything that our seniors undertake.

Miss Jane Hyde and Miss Emma Lee McAfee have returned to school after an absence of several weeks.

Building costs high nowadays, but it is no longer necessary to put up a house big enough to invite the whole town to come in and spend the evening, with chairs enough for everyone to have a seat.

Rabbits, foxes and other game being scarce in Russia, there is nothing left to pop over but the grand dukes.

Early to bed and early to rise, keeps many a man from telling lies.