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THE BIG LESSON OF THE WAR

During the past two years the United States Government has spent millions through the W. C. C. S. for the sole purpose of providing amusement and recreation for its soldiers and sailors. Thousands upon thousands of people—men and women alike—have approved this program with their whole heart. They have asked no questions. They have just freely laid down their money and given their time for the cause.

Result:—The present Army of the United States represents the cleanest, the healthiest, the most moral body of fighting men ever brought together under one flag since the world began.

And why did we furnish recreation centers for our soldiers and sailors in war time? We asked no questions then. We all saw the necessity from a common angle. We accepted recreation centers as an established department of the war, put our shoulders to the wheel, and pushed.

From the frail Salvation Army huts of the forward areas down to the smallest center in the smallest village in the United States, not only our country but the fighting world entertained the men in uniform.

Why? "A crushing blow makes all the world akin." We were at war! The freedom of the country was at stake. What else mattered? We had sent the best thing we had in the world to the front. We read casualty lists morning and evening. In those days there was no better guaranty of friendship than the little service pin worn by the unknown man who sat next to us on the street car and read those fateful lists with a heart that beat quicker time just like ours.

The "crushing blow" had done its good work. In the San Francisco earthquake in 1906 men became brothers overnight. "Just after the disaster when rich and poor waited in line together for their allowance of bread and milk," says an eye witness, "I saw a rich woman from the St. Francis Hotel lying asleep on a doorstep with her head on a muf. A long cable coat was thrown over her and under one corner of it, a young Japanese boy—a perfect stranger to her—was curled up asleep." Men and women bivouacked together in the park and cared for each other's babies around drift-wood fires. This is the kind of thing that makes brotherhood. This is the kind of thing that makes it easy for every man to see his fellow's need.

But what happened next? In a pitifully short time the San Franciscans dropped back into their old animosities. They had lived through the short span of a wee bit of golden age, but when they returned again to shelter, food and security it was soon forgotten.

History repeats itself, for the pattern of humanity remains the same. What has become of all the high purpose of the war? What of all the impulses which found expression in the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, War Camp Community Service, the Salvation Army, Library Board, the Jewish Welfare League? Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent just to make the young manhood of the nation comfortable and contented—but more than that—to provide clean wholesome forms of recreation and amusement which would partly compensate for the privations and hardships which the life of a soldier entails.

The result is significant. A mighty army has been raised, composed almost entirely of young men,—full blooded men, men full of life and animal spirits—and it has been a clean army.

Are we to lose the full value of this lesson? Is Highland Park to come through these experiences without having its life deepened and enriched? We know full well that more than half of the young people of this community cannot have proper and wholesome forms of recreation, amusement, and social development.

Surely it is not enough that we have our attractive comfortable homes, our fine public school system, our churches. The war has taught us to look into the homes of others and see what they have therein to make life worth living.

The social life of an individual is quite as important as his physical existence. But both have been sadly neglected. In Illinois, for instance, one hundred and twelve out of every thousand babies die before they are one year old. In other words, it is more dangerous to be a baby in Illinois than a soldier in the trenches.

The long arm of the government has reached into every kind of home in the land and taken out a boy. And the army of American youth thus brought together has offered, incidentally, to the observer of social conditions an experimental station—a human laboratory whose value can never be estimated.

The government found these boys under-nourished to an alarming extent, it found them under-educated for responsible posts which awaited them. But, most immediate of all, it found them in need of entertainment and a wholesome outlet for surplus energy.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Abercrombie and two children are spending a month in Park Ridge as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Dickinson.

Mr. Harry St. Peter arrived last Tuesday at Charleston, S. C., from overseas service. He will be sent to Camp Sherman, O., where he will be mustered out.

Capt. and Mrs. Burke have moved from N. Second St. to 1012 Green Bay Road.

Mr. Orville Sack, who has been in service overseas for the past few months, has arrived in New York and is waiting to be discharged.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Unangst are moving this week to Dixon, Ill., where Mr. Unangst will assume the duties of pastor of Grace Church next Sunday.

Miss Ada Williams of Evanston was the week end guest of Miss Florence Warner.

Mr. Elmer Gieser who is attending school in Le Mars, Ia., is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gieser.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith spent the week end in Milwaukee as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Cummings have rented the Martin flat on Onwentsia Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard have moved from the Conrad house on McDaniels Ave. to the home of Mrs. Augustine on Ravine Drive.

Miss Alma Oleson, who spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Oleson, returned to the University of Illinois Monday.

The Misses Marian and Miriam French left Monday for San Diego, Cal., where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ball and children of Evanston were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ball of Ridgewood Drive.

The Luther League of the Swedish Lutheran church will meet tomorrow evening at the home of Miss Ida Benson.

Mr. Charles Schwab, who has been stationed at Zanesville, O., in the chemical warfare service for the past six months, returned home Saturday, having been honorably discharged.

Caroline Schofield returned home last week from Smith College to spend the Easter vacation.

Frank Knight, who attends Illinois University, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Knight of Park Ave.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Francis and son returned last Wednesday to their home in Troy, O., after spending a few weeks with Mrs. J. L. Miller.

Mrs. Wm. A. Dobson of Chicago spent Monday visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. David Bennett and daughter Muriel of Chicago were the guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schneider.

Thos. Morton, who has been stationed at Fort Wayne, Detroit, is spending a few days at his home on Green Bay Road.

Miss Alice Duffy spent Sunday with Miss Helen DeLegan of Waukegan.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Conrad and daughter, Mrs. Frederick T. Golden and son, spent the week end in Park Ridge as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Conrad.

The Lady Foresters will hold their installation of officers this evening in Witten Hall. The officers to be installed are: Chief Ranger, Mrs. Agnes Duffy; Vice Chief Ranger, Mrs. Julia Stipe; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William Dooley; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Cameron; Treasurer, Mrs. John Sheahan.

Mrs. Irving Hembrook and Miss Ruth Donnothorn were called to Michigan on account of the death of their brother Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hand, who have been living at 1012 N. Green Bay Road, have rented the Rankin house on Vine Ave.

Mr. Ervin Clow, a member of the 48th F. A., stationed at Camp Stanley, Tex., returned home yesterday, having been honorably discharged from the service. He has been in the service for eleven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Skidmore and family are returning Sunday to Caldwell, Idaho, where they will make their home in the future.

Mrs. Tipton returned Monday from the Highland Park hospital where she underwent an operation. She is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boylan of Summerdale were the week end guests of Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin.

Mrs. Lloyd M. Bergen returned Sunday from New York where she spent the past few days visiting her son, Van Bergen, a member of the 149th Field Artillery, who has just been invalided home.

Mrs. Wm. Lawther has been confined to her home with bronchitis for the past week but is much improved.

The supreme president of the Fraternal Aid Union has appointed Oliver Syren as secretary of Highland Park Lodge No. 3006.

Mr. John A. Croke returned on Monday afternoon from Ft. Meyer, Fla.

Mr. Robt. Renner, florist and gardener at Exmoor Club, has returned from Lansing, Mich., where he spent the winter.

Miss Grace Carolan of Chicago spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. John McCaffrey.

Ensign and Mrs. Edmund Eitel have come to Highland Park and will remain here permanently. They are making their home on Dale avenue next to Mrs. Eitel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Messinger. Ensign Eitel is stationed at Great Lakes.

Miss Rose Fuererer and Miss Margaret Williams of Racine, Wis., were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Merriman.

Mr. F. Gillett of N. Green Bay Rd., is seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oleson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born March 25.

DEATHS

Kenneth Frank Miller
Kenneth Frank Miller, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Homewood Ave., passed away Sunday morning, March 30, at 11:15, at the age of seven years, after a brief illness of influenza.

He was born on February fifteenth, 1912. Besides his mother and father, he leaves a brother, Merrill, and a sister, Louise. Funeral services were held at the home of his parents Tuesday morning at nine thirty, with Rev. C. G. Unangst officiating. Interment was made in Northfield cemetery.

Richard Renner Croke
Little Richard Renner Croke, sixteen month old son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Croke, passed away Tuesday morning, April first, at one thirty a. m., following a six weeks' illness of scarlet fever and bronchial pneumonia. The body was placed in a vault in Lake Forest cemetery, yesterday morning and when the family is out of quarantine, burial will be made. Besides a mother and father he leaves three brothers and two sisters to survive him.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES
On Thursday, March 28, the pupils of the Deerfield-Shields were given a very wonderful address by Major Ray Bridgeman, formerly of the Lafayette Escadrille, more recently of the American Flying Forces in France.

Major Bridgeman is from Lake Forest, and was in his third year at Yale when he decided to volunteer. Needless to say, he had many thrilling adventures while up in his machine. His description of the way it feels to be up in the air about three miles from the earth is very realistic. Humorous incidents lightened his speech here and there, while there were other incidents that were very touching.

Major Bridgeman concluded his speech with an appeal for America to "back up" the League of Nations, for he said that those men who fought in this war realize and know now that this League is to be the salvation of the world. The principle for which our men died must be the ideal that we uphold, else they will have died in vain.

UNITED EVANGELICAL
The services for next Sunday are as follows:
9:30 a. m. Bible school.
10:45 a. m. Morning service.
6:45 p. m. Christian Endeavor meeting.
7:30 p. m. Evening sermon.
The Rev. J. H. Keagle of Naperville will preach his first sermon in Highland Park on Sunday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT
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