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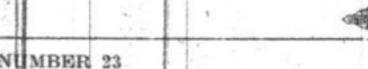
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WHY NOT THE WOMEN?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1919

The business experiment of sixty representative women of Highland Park has been a notable success. In the first month of the Community Shop's existence the business netted \$1,000 clear profit. And they are continuing to do a record business, holding their own with the various forms of competition.

This successful experiment in the Community Shop only goes to prove what women are capable of doing in the business world if they once set themselves the task. The Thrift Shop in Evanston, the Community Kitchen, are further proof of their ability.

Today we are confronted with the high cost of living to an extent never known in the history of this country. We are daily told that this article or that article has "gone up." And why? There is often no ostensible reason on earth for the boosting of the price in question. And yet we are told that the price has gone up. We can take our choice, either take the thing or leave it. It makes no difference

With articles of food we often hear that the production is short this year. It is not a good year for apples, for instance. Potatoes are scarce this year. But what are the facts? Our potatoes and apples pass through from five to seven different hands before they reach our kitchens. Given the largest crop of potatoes or fruit for a given year, if these products are bought up by the broker and ordered to be held until called for, the crop might just as well be small as large. The appearances are the same. Potatoes are hard to harvest and handle. Is it not easier to buy them and have them left in the ground, while a minimum percentage of the year's production is harvested, shipped, and placed on the market? In other words is it not better business to sell ten bushels of potatoes at four dollars per bushel than to handle, harvest, ship, and market twenty bushels one dollar and fifty cents per bushel? Last year was a good potato year. It was also a record apple year. Did the house wife see any evidence of this large production? Not at all. She could use the argument it was a good year for both these food products, but the grocer could give her no satisfaction on that head. It wasn't his fault that things were high, and we all know he profited nothing by the inflated prices.

Before the war, there was this difference. The fruit growers were so little for their products that it did not pay them to market them. A fruit grower in Michigan in 1915 gave the following testimony in regard to his peaches. He owned a large peach orchard. He employed two men during the bearing season to help him harvest and crate his peaches. After he had bought the crates, which had to be of a specified kind, and packed the fruit, which had to be of a certain degree of ripeness requiring that every individual peach be handled carefully, after he had paid his two men and hauled the fruit fourteen miles over sandy roads to the shipping point, he found that he had made just one dollar and eightyseven cents on his work, not counting his own time. The following year he refused to market his peaches, using what he could for home canning. selling what he could at the nearest town, and to the resorters. After that he turned the hogs into the orchard after the peaches had ripened and fallen. There was nothing else to do.

Now there is no doubt about it, and for that matter, there is no secret about it, that the food supply of this country is rapidly coming under the control of a comparatively small group of people. Not only the meat but the dairy products, the fish, the canned goods, the fruit, and even the

leather which is quite as essential as food. f the business men of this country are too busy to take over the solution of this tremendous problem, why not the women? They can do it. They can establish markets and buy direct from the producer, or even run a community farm. There is the great organization of the Woman's Club throughout this country which reaches to the smallest village in the United States. What could this Federation not accomplish if they would but set themselves the task of stifling these monopolies which are feeding on the life blood of the nation? They are making it impossible for ninetenths of the population to live, to have families, to enjoy life. This kind of thing is right in the woman's province. It concerns the feeding of her family and the feeding, housing and living facilities of every man, woman, and child in this great country. To solve this problem, or even to contribute towards its solution, would be of greater benefit to mankind and to the world than any amount of office holding or voting franchise. When the women of America shall have taken this octupus in hand and deprived it of at least some of its power, they will have earned the right to hold the highest office which is within the power of the people to be-

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Sergt. George C. Kopp, son of Mr. Mrs. William Kopp, who has been in service overseas for the past 16 months, has just returned home, having received an honorable dis-

Miss Josephine Merchant and Miss Helen Blakeslee of Waukegan were the guests of Miss Alice Duffy last

Mr. Jas. C. Baker spent last week in Springfield visiting friends.

Miss Rhoda Bonfield of Detroit, Mich., is spending a few weeks with her cousin, Miss Clare Holland.

Mr. Clyde Haefele returned hom last week having spent two years the service of the 410th Telephon Battalion, Signal Corps.

Miss Marian Keagle spent last week in Naperville visiting friends.

Miss Ada Johnson of Stoughton, Wis., who spent the past month with

ten days on a trip to Buffalo, Niagara and New York, has returned home

S. & M. R. R. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brand, Miss

Charlotte Brand and Miss Laura Muhlke spent Sunday in Naperville risiting friends

Mrs. A. L. Renning is spending this reek in Detroit, Mich., visiting Mr. is mourned by her many friends. and Mrs. Fred Newhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paul and small EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB son leave today for Athlestane, Wis., to spend two weeks.

Mrs. H. C. Brown and Miss Helena Sipe returned to their home in Indianapolis Monday after several weeks visit with Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Roberts. Miss Sipe expects to go to New York soon to complete her musi-

Professor and Mrs. T. W. Sarvis of Nanking, China, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Evans on Mon-

Mr. J. M. Barnes of 1830 Hinman Ave., Evanston is spending the week with his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Gar-

the guests of Mrs. William Clarke. the guest this week of Miss Emma "great American desert."

spent a few days this week as the and are not appreciated until it is guest of her father. Mr. Paul Leach.

Mrs. N. G. Cassette, a former resident of Chicago, and recently turned from Paris, France, where she was identified with the McCall Mission, will be the week end guest of her niece, Mrs. John D. Purdy,

Miss Ivetta Hocker of Chicago and Miss Statia Diem of Minneapolis, Minn., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Diem.

guest this week Miss Leona Vei- the forest were rapidly going to dedleman of Naperville.

was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. with a view of saving their valuable J. C. Fay, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. John Q. Schaefer of Seattle, Wash., is spending two months visiting relatives in this city and Lake three years. His recent report to

Mr. Gerald Harbort, who spent two years in the navy as radio operator. returned home last Sunday, honorably discharged.

The Misses Edith and Elizabeth Dike of Crystal Lake, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clow for a few days last week.

Lincoln, Nebr., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walth-

Mrs. Dan Sheahen of Oakfield, Wis, is spending a few days with Mrs. John Sheahen of Central Ave.

zel for a few weeks.

operation on one of her eyes at the known. Mrs. Hoopes has been living this splendid organization? with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Clow.

Mr. Gregory Sheahen will leave this week for Oakfield, Wis., where he will spend a few weeks visiting

Miss Marie Cawley underwent an operation last Thursday for appendicitis at the Highland Park hospital. At the present time she is getting along nicely.

Mr. Claude Shreve is enjoying a five weeks' vacation.

Mr. Ed Gourley left last Friday for Colorado where he will visit

LAKE COUNTY PIONEER

Catherine McLaughlin, Housekeeper for Dr. J. D. O'Neill, Died Friday. Burial at Lake Forest

Miss Catherine McLaughlin, who, with her sister, Mary, have served as housekeepers for Dr. J. D. O'Neill for the past seven years, passed away on Friday evening at nine o'clock following several years' illness of heart

Miss McLaughlin is a pioneer Lake County, having come to this vicinity from Vermont in 1855, with her parents, and residing here since. She and her sister came to this city from Lake Forest where they were living and although she has been acting as housekeeper for the past few years for Dr. O'Neill, for some time she has been unable to attend to her duties on account of illness.

Her sister, Mary McLaughlin, was postmistress at Lake Forest for thir-Mrs. Edwin Bleimehl, has returned ty years previous to her employ with

Funeral services were held at the Mrs. Stanton, who spent the past Immaculate Conception church Monday morning at ten o'clock, Dr. J. D. O'Neill officiating, assisted by Father Dr. H. B. Roberts has recently Barry of Lake Forest, Father Caraher been appointed surgeon for the C. N. of Chicago, and Father Lochte of Techny. The funeral sermon was delivered by Father Gilmartin of Chicago and Father Burke of Chicago was present in the Sanctuary. Interment was at Lake Forest.

Miss McLaughlin was widely acquainted throughout this vicinity and

PRESERVING ITS TREES

Forestry Committee Appointed with View of Saving Valuable Trees and Planting New Ones

The treeless plains of Kansas and Nebraska presented a cheerless aspect to the home seekers of forty years ago. Legislation was enacted to encourage tree planting. Title to 160 acres of land could be had by planting a grove of one acre for each of three consecutive years.

Today a traveler on the railroads passing thru those states sees the Mrs. L. G. Brand and daughter, landscape dotted with beautiful Jeane, spent last week in Deerfield as groves of trees, but few know that forty years ago that same region was Miss Hazel Bailey of Chicago is listed in our school geography as the

With forests, like many other Mrs. Harold Nolan of Seattle, Wash., things; familiarity breeds contempt too late. It is, however, encouraging to note the increasing interest displayed in the forest preserves around Chicago. Cook county is heading a wise movement in securing and preserving forests nearby for the recreation of our dense population. The owners of private suburban homes are displaying great interest in preserving valuable old trees. One of the most notable instances of recent record is that of the Exmoor Country club of Highland Park. In their Miss Marian Keagle has as her groves many stately old monarchs of cay. The board of governors have re-Mrs. William Clavey of Glencoe cently appointed a forestry committee young trees to care for the future. The chairman of this committee has agreed to superintend the work for the board of governors, published in their official bulletin, "X-Ray," shows 175 young trees planted this spring, the starting of a nursery of some 700 trees and a comprehensive plan of caring for their old forest of some 600 trees.

Some job this member has undertaken, and if carried out, which know it will be, it will make this Mr. Harvey Hopp of Wilmette was wonderful playground one of the the week end guest of Mr. Emmett most beautiful in the world and at the same time add to the intrinsic Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanholm of value of the membership.

> E. C. C. EXMOOR CADDIES GET \$4,000 DURING JULY

A pay roll which attracts very Miss Marie Weisenburg and Miss little attention in Highland Park, but Irma Kramer of St. Louis are the which aggregates quite a sum, is guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Den-that of the caddles of the Exmoor Country Club. During the month of Mrs. C. A. Hoopes underwent an July this club paid out to boys under 16 years of age the sum of \$4000. Highland Park hospital Tuesday. At What better way could a boy spend the present time the result is not his vacation than being a part of

> If the suggestion is adopted to tax tourists \$50.00 each to see the devastated sections of France and Belgium a lot of travellers may conclude that it is their patriotic duty to see Amer-

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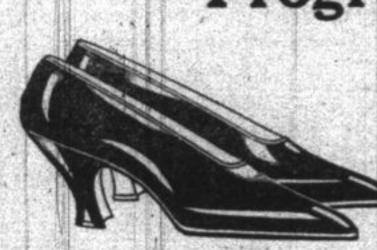
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