

### URGES CO-OPERATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

#### IN SURVEY BY UNIVERSITY

#### Vast Influence of Many Bodies With Different Aims in Big City Could Effect Much If United

Civic organizations of Chicago have a total membership of more than a million, enough in the aggregate to decide the fate of any issue seeking public support, it is shown by an extensive survey just completed by the committee on local community research of the University of Chicago, in co-operation with the public affairs committee of the Union League club.

Charges that Americans are just "good pioneers" whose "principal motive in organizing is to take advantage of the social contact thus afforded, or the vested interest which the promoters of the enterprise thus acquire," are not well founded, the investigators assert.

**Refutes Allegations**  
"The large membership of these organizations, both city wide and local," the report states, "established for the purpose of promoting some civic interest, refutes these allegations and indicates further that citizens are interested in the affairs of government."

The findings of the investigation, regarding the number, scope, aims, and other data concerning the 450 organizations covered, will be published by the University of Chicago press as fast as the first directory of Chicago civic agencies to be available.

The total membership of 106 organizations of city wide scope which gave information is shown to be 844,895. Community and neighborhood civic groups, numbering 344, have a membership of 257,231, making a total membership of 1,102,126.

**Theoretical Possibilities**  
"The theoretical possibilities of joint action by this vast army of civic minded persons," the report heads, "is staggering to those who have studied the problem. The ideal of co-operation could probably not be achieved, but even if a small measure of co-operation could be worked out, the effectiveness of the energy which is now expended in the name of civic betterment would be tremendously enhanced."

The investigators sought to learn how the various organizations are disposed toward a scheme of co-operation, and found that 260 favor joint discussion of problems, 232 sanction joint action, and 188 favor a co-operative plan of disseminating technical information. Only 30 definitely expressed opposition to co-operation, the other apparently not preferring to report without more complete explanations.

A plan of co-operation, by which a general federation and four sub-federations would be formed, is suggested. The sub-federations would be for the north, south, and west sides, and the city-wide organizations. The plan would deprive none of the organizations of their individualistic features it is asserted, but only make possible the co-operation of member agencies on projects having multiple support.

The activities of the 450 organizations are greatly varied, the investigators found, including citizenship and Americanization work, promotion of local and city improvements, such as parks, lighting, etc., work with boys and girls, child welfare, city planning and zoning, a government service, civic betterment, legislation, housing, administration of justice, and education.

**Classified Agencies**  
The directory, devised so as to be of value in the work of these agencies and especially of value in co-operative plans that might be considered, classified the agencies by functions undertaken by districts, alphabetically and by other means.

Representing the university in the survey, were Prof. Charles E. Merriam, chairman of the department of political science; Leonard D. White, professor of political science, and Jerome J. Kerwin, assistant professor of political science. Representatives of the Union League club public affairs committee were William B. Moulton, chairman of the sub-committee on public efficiency, Gordon Wilson, chairman of the sub-committee on census of civic agencies, L. A. Davies, J. B. Tanner, and Edward M. Martin, secretary.

#### LINDBERGH'S FRIENDS DRIVE TO WASHINGTON

Boyhood friends of Capt. Lindbergh, driving cross country from Little Falls, Minn., Washington, D. C., as the official "home town" delegation to greet "Lindy" paused in Kenosha, en route, long enough to receive the hand clasp of C. W. Nash and other officials of The Nash Motors Company. The group, commissioned by the governor of Minnesota as the official welcoming committee of the state and of Little Falls, made the trip in a Nash four-door coupe. The party consisted of Mayor Austin Grimes, Dr. C. H. Longley, Kenneth Martin and Sherman Lewis.

Following the example of "Lindy" who crossed the ocean in the "Spirit of St. Louis" the group christened their Nash. "The Spirit of Little Falls." All four are well acquainted with Lindbergh, one being the family dentist, another owning a bookstore where Lindbergh bought text books and the other two boyhood chums.

#### WOMEN INTERESTED IN HOME HYGIENE

#### Increasing Demand for Instruction in This Course, Red Cross Reports

Casting aside her late illusion of a glittering butterfly life, modern woman is now turning more somber thoughts toward the study of home making and of being a better mother.

At least the increased demand for the Red Cross course in home hygiene and care of the sick leads one to believe so. Enrollments in this course in Chicago and its suburbs have multiplied from the 1925 figure of 3,000 to the present annual record of 10,000. A national survey shows that a total of more than 70,000 American women and girls are now studying the Red Cross "home hygiene" course.

From the dawn of history, woman has kept the home fires burning. Young children have been her care. Attending the sick has been her business. The problem of making the home healthful has been her concern. But not until recently has her work been thought important enough to be considered a profession.

Now, throughout the country, in public and private schools, in institutes and normal schools, in missionary training schools and industrial concerns, this course has gained widespread favor. Even the college, which exists for cultural education, has become the lecture room of health promotion and the laboratory for studying infant, child, and adult hygiene, sickness and disease prevention, care in the selection of foods, and sanitation in the home.

#### COUNTY ZONING IS AMENDED BY BOARD

#### Action Taken to Make Rules More Equitable to Lake Region Owners

The board of supervisors last week voted amendments to the county zoning law with the hope of making the rules more equitable to the residents of the lake regions who have fought bitterly to retain some privacy to their subdivisions.

One clause, each lot shall be on a road, street, parkway, lake or water-course, covers this phase of the dispute as it does not call for a "public" road.

The board, without dissenting vote, approved the appointment of R. M. Lobdell as county superintendent of highways. Since the resignation of Charles E. Russell, county surveyor, more than a year ago Lobdell has been acting county superintendent of highways. He was the only one to pass the examination given by the state highway department.

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