

The Deerfield chapter of the Eastern Star is meeting this evening for a party following their business meeting. "Friends' Night" will be observed by the local chapter on March 16.

Joseph Ott of Summit court underwent a major operation at the Highland Park hospital last week.

Ralph Peterson has been in New York the past two weeks on a business trip.

The Mutual club is meeting this evening at the home of Miss Louise Huba.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bogler have a daughter born last Tuesday at the Highland Park hospital.

A dog team and its drivers mushing from Saskatchewan, Canada, stopped in Deerfield last Thursday for about an hour. They were en route to Chicago. The two brothers, Carl and Rudy Shabert, left Saskatchewan on Dec. 2 on their 2,000 mile trip. En route four puppies were born and one dog died. They stayed at the Hotel Sherman and the dogs had a reservation on the roof.

Mr. A. H. Muhika, who has been ill this past year, has been doing some extensive "arm-chair" traveling and has read one hundred books of fiction, biography and travel. Mr. Muhika is Deerfield's oldest native son, and will be 77 years old on June 2. Mrs. Muhika, who also has been ill, will be 75 on March 2.

Jim Flanagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flanagan of Rosemary terrace, is in his Freshman year at the University of Wyoming.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson was hostess to the Evangelical Daughters on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting date of this St. Paul's woman's group has been changed to the first Wednesday in the month.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitcomb of Barrington spent Monday with Mr. Whitcomb's mother, Mrs. Minnie Whitcomb. It was the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koren and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geater of Waukegan were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kocrenin.

Mrs. Earl Hurt was hostess to members of her bridge club yesterday afternoon at her home on Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Willman of Whitefish Bay, Wis., spent Sunday with Mrs. J. C. Willman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mann of Clinton, Wis., visited at the Russell Potterton and Lloyd Mann homes on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Olson were guests at the Richard Jayne home in Evanston on Saturday. On Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Peterson of Wilmette.

A Meritman boy in fifth grade in the Deerfield Grammar school was taken to Dr. J. C. Davis' office during the noon hour on Monday to have stitches taken in his scalp, following an accident in the school.

Robert Elliott and Miss Phyllis Spencer of Chicago were Sunday guests at the Earl Johnston home.

Mrs. Bruce Frost was hostess to members of her club on Thursday afternoon.

The Neighborhood club met on Saturday evening at the Samuel Rockebach home.

The Deerfield board postponed its February meeting a third time on Monday night because of illness of members of the board. It was then postponed to the following Tuesday and again because of lack of a quorum it was called off. Trustees Wilham Hertel is ill with a throat infection and the others with the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rollman were guests at the Fred Festala home in Winthrop Harbor on Saturday.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY

Instead of the usual Saturday afternoon meeting of the Deerfield Juniors of the American Legion Auxiliary, the girls met on Wednesday, February 22, at the home of Ruthie Tennerman. This was a combined Americanism meeting and a Lincoln and Washington Birthday party.

LaVerne Goodman, child welfare chairman, reported having delivered some valentines to the Dorcas Home children, also seven dozen cookies were taken there for Valentine's day, from the Juniors.

Gloria Barnett, sunshine chairman, reported having called on a sick member and delivering a gift.

Mrs. Agnes Tennerman, Unit Americanism chairman, kindly obliged the Juniors' invitation, by giving a talk, in story form, on the lives of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, bringing these two great patriots closer to us.

After the meeting, games were enjoyed and prizes won by Helen Scully, Jean Cruickshank, and Helene Rose Meyer.

Refreshments were served from a beautiful candle lighted table, everything in Red, White and Blue.

This Week in Washington

By RALPH E. CHURCH

Representative, 14th Congressional District

Washington, D.C., Feb. 15—Last Wednesday, by an overwhelming vote of 37 to 15, the House passed a bill to authorize a substantial increase in the military establishment of the United States. The vote itself indicates there was no attempt by either the Republicans or Democrats to create a partisan issue on this national defense legislation.

To be sure, during the course of the debate objections were raised to certain features of the bill and amendments were offered. But they were conscientious objections and the amendments were proposed in a sincere desire to improve the bill. There was a rather pronounced disagreement as to what our policy should be in the airplane production schedule. But the disagreement arose simply as an honest difference of opinion as to what would be the best procedure for creating and maintaining a strong air force.

In short, the entire debate on the War Department bill was on a high patriotic plane. The heartiest applause, for whom their Representatives in Congress speak, can I am sure, find much satisfaction in the fact that however political minded Congress ordinarily tends to be, on the question of national defense the House has not permitted itself to be influenced by political considerations.

It must not be overlooked that this particular bill for the enlargement of our military defenses will not, if finally enacted into law, immediately enable the War Department to proceed with the proposed armament expansion. It is simply an authorization bill — no more than that! It may be said to be merely a military policy bill, reported by the House Committee on Military Affairs and ultimately, by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. In order for the military program, which this particular bill au-

thorizes, to be carried out, the Congress will have to enact additional legislation in the form of appropriations. The House Committee on Appropriations will have to report a bill to make funds available for the program which the Committee on Military Affairs has authorized. Very often confusion arises in the public mind because this distinction between an "authorization" and an "appropriation" is not always made clear in the discussions.

During the course of the debate on the bill so much attention was given to the air force feature that other important parts of the defense program it embodied have been generally overlooked. They merit mention, particularly that feature of the bill pertaining to the Panama Canal.

The most vital spot in the defense armor of the United States is the Panama Canal, the connecting link between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It facilitates the movement of our fleet from one ocean to the other. Recent comments in the Nazi-Fascist press on the armament program of the United States clearly indicate that Germany and Italy look upon the Panama Canal as the key to our entire national defense system. Destruction of the Canal might, in case of war, serve to leave one shore line undefended or to divide our fleet should it at the time be located in both oceans.

The military bill we have just passed looks to a better defense of this vital spot in our armor. It authorizes the expenditure of \$23,750,000 for construction, rehabilitation and installation in the Panama Canal Department of such buildings, utilities and appurtenances as may be required to house anti-aircraft, seacoast defenses and auxiliary units. It also authorizes an expenditure of \$3,250,000 to maintain an increase of 200 officers and 7,000 enlisted men from the Coast Artillery Corps as a garrison at the Canal.

In view of the known efforts of

both Germany and Italy to extend their influence in Latin and South America, with the possibility of obtaining bases there, this proposed increase in our defense of the Panama Canal prepares us for a future day. In my judgment it is one of the most important features of the legislation.

Canadians Inspect Local Library For New Building Plan

The Highland Park Public Library was honored last week to have a committee of four: the Librarian, the Chairman of the Library board and two architects from London, Ontario, come to inspect the building with the idea of taking back suggestions for the Library building which they are planning. They came to Highland Park due to a suggestion from a visitor from Detroit, that the floor plan of this library is ideal.

Raedeke Family To Give Sacred Concert In Deerfield Sunday

The Raedeke Family, well-known in Highland Park, Deerfield and vicinity, will present a sacred concert next Sunday afternoon, March 5, at the Bethlehem Evangelical church, Deerfield. The concert will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. There will be no admission charged but a freewill offering will be received.

Following the vesper service, tea will be served in the lower room of the church for all who wish to remain for a social hour. The entire community is invited to this concert.

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