

# "They Say"

In an address given by Senator Pittman at Reno, Nevada, on April 16, Great Britain and France are described as belligerents, who, being deprived of the privilege of selling securities or obtaining credit in the United States, are compelled to purchase in the States with gold.

It is estimated that the two European countries have enough to make purchases of war materials here for two years. Realizing the expanding war area and the probable length of the conflict, England must hoard gold and buy foodstuffs and raw materials in other countries where manufactured articles in trade will do.

The probable necessity of deflation of currencies will arise and will place the two countries in a better comparative position in the export picture, tending to decrease ours. This is the sketchy description the senator draws of the economic effect of the overseas war on us.

He concludes, "Our country is neutral in all its acts and will remain neutral, and yet it is impossible for statesmen to banish from their minds the effect of a conquest of Europe by Hitler, singly or in cooperation with other totalitarian powers."

A student nurse, when questioned by her examiner as to the measures to be taken in checking the spread of social diseases, stated in all seriousness, "Check up on the home leaves of the army and navy."

It's not so far-fetched, after all. General John J. Pershing himself in a letter to Congressman Louis Ludlow brings out the point that social diseases are a serious handicap to the effectiveness of armies. "As military preparedness depends on the health of our nation, prevalence of these diseases would be a serious problem in a national emergency."

An amendment is being offered jointly by Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin and Senator Glass of Virginia increasing the appropriation to fight syphilis in the United States from five million to seven. At the outset of the World war as a result of the regulations instituted the incidence of venereal diseases was at a lower rate than ever before in our own or any other army.

Army maneuvers this year are on a large scale. All states, but fifteen, are furnishing troops for mammoth third army maneuvers, it was brought out.

Dr. Preston Bradley of the People's church in Chicago, mentioned the malnutrition of persons on relief in this city, a problem which has been more or less hidden. The Alliance (Ohio) Review of April 12 quotes Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general of the United States, as saying there is a "new kind of starvation—due to faulty nutrition" which is gripping more than one-third of the nation. It can happen here.

## Mrs. Robt. Spahr Wins Joliet Rifle Match

Mrs. Robert Spahr feminine member of the Sheridan Rifle and Pistol club, won the Grand Aggregate at the opening rifle matches held at Joliet, Illinois. In winning this match Mrs. Spahr defeated some of the finest rifle shots in this part of the country. It is quite evident that the sport of rifle shooting is no longer confined to the men.

Sharing honors with Mrs. Spahr in the individual matches were her husband, Mr. Spahr, who won second place in the Dewar match, and Mr. Edwin Cole who was high man in his class in the Expert Target match.

The Sheridan Rifle and Pistol club is becoming known throughout the shooting world for the marksmanship of its members and their ability to win matches despite trying conditions.

## Rowena Bennett Offers Unusual Programs to Clubs

"Creative Writing—Your Way to Creative Living" heads the new list of programs Rowena Bennett, poet and editor of "Jack and Jill," offers to women's clubs. The request for this talk, based on Mrs. Bennett's experience as leader for the past two years of the Northshore Creative Writing group, has come from club members of other communities interested in this approach to a sound adult education project and an enjoyable hobby. Just as music and art appreciation are studied by many who never hope to become star performers so the technic of writing can be profitably studied by the person who wishes to read with greater understanding. This conviction of Mrs. Bennett's makes her courses and talks as popular with "creative listeners" as creative writers.

A Mystery Clinic can be an added feature of this new club program if there are members who wish to hear their own bits of verse or prose anonymously discussed. Mrs. Bennett has had recent University of Chicago graduates, grandmothers who wrote of pioneer days, and such recognized writers as Edith Lovejoy Pierce of Chicago. Mrs. Elmo Scott Watson of Evanston, Anita Willetts Burnham of Winnetka, and Mrs. Arthur Aldis of Lake Forest among her class members.

"The Poet Walks in Your Garden," "That Every Child May Know Beauty," "Poetry Interprets the American Scene," and "Poetry in Your Hobby Lobby" are other lectures offered by Rowena Bennett in keeping with the new trends in club's. Enlivened by original verse they give an opportunity to hear a poet interpret her own verse as well as that of outstanding contemporaries. The Conference of Club Presidents and Program Chairmen has approved the Rowena Bennett programs.

## Governor Horner Proclaims May 1-8 As Employment Week

Cooperating with the American Legion in its campaign to encourage private industry to employ men and women over forty years of age, Governor Horner has officially proclaimed the period from May 1 to May 8 as Employment Week in Illinois. May 5 has been designated as Employment Sunday.

The basic purpose of the campaign, according to Lawrence J. Fenlon, chairman of the Legion's state employment commission, is to stimulate the private employment of workers of all ages, with emphasis on the placement of elder workers.

"All jobs obtained during National Employment Week should be filled through the local offices of the Illinois State Employment Service," said Fenlon. "The Employment Service has people registered in its offices who represent every type of occupation characteristic of the State of Illinois. Its services, both to employers and to those seeking employment, are provided without charge."

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## Illinois League Of Women Voters Convene in Chicago

In a year when many of Illinois' administrative officials are to be elected, the Illinois League of Women Voters announces "Blue Prints for a Better Illinois" as the program feature of its Twentieth Anniversary Convention to be held at the Shoreland Hotel, Chicago, May 8, 9 and 10.

The state's financial foundations will be appraised at the opening luncheon meeting on Wednesday, May 8, by Simon Leland, former chairman of the Illinois Tax Commission, and Albert Lepawsky, Director, Federation of Tax Administrators. They will survey the methods used in the assessment and collection of taxes, suggesting methods of administrative improvements and analyzing our state budgetary policy as compared with other state governments. Mr. Leland is now Acting Chairman of the Department of Economics at the University of Chicago.

Local League accomplishments will be featured at a dinner session on Wednesday evening. Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson of Highland Park will be among those invited to tell of the positive aspects of their work in the field of local government.

Miss Edith Rockwood, first executive secretary of the Illinois League of Women Voters, will return for the Twentieth Anniversary Convention to speak on Thursday, May 9, on "Building Buttresses Better Welfare Administration." Since leaving the Illinois League in 1930, Miss Rockwood served for a period as program secretary at the League's national office in Washington and now is child welfare specialist for the United States Children's Bureau. This program will be particularly stimulating to members of the League for in the past year they have been conducting an intensive campaign to create a vocal public opinion in support of aid for dependent children legislation for Illinois. Illinois is one of

eight states which has not availed itself of the funds available from the federal government for aid to dependent children. One of the chief factors in securing these funds is changing the plan of administration now used in allocating mothers' pensions.

The climax of consideration of Illinois' administrative problems will occur at the banquet session on Thursday, May 9, when Dwight H. Green and Harry B. Hershey, the two major contestants for the office of Governor, will speak on "Concrete Plans for Illinois," giving the constructive programs which they will seek to carry out should they be elected in November. The League of Women Voters welcomes the spirit which is shown by Mr. Green and Mr. Hershey in speaking from the same platform on their programs. It believes that it bespeaks a constructive campaign and attitude from which the people of Illinois will benefit.

The convention will close with a luncheon meeting on Friday, May 10, with a glimpse "Beyond the Boundaries," when Louise Leonard Wright will project into the future and develop the idea of an international administrative organization. Mrs. Wright is chairman for the Department of Government and Foreign Policy of the National League of Women Voters and for the past year has prepared a series of foreign policy problems for the consideration of the local League throughout the nation.

Also on the program of the convention is a tour of the University of Chicago and of the Public Administration Clearing House at 1313 East 60th street, which has become the chief source of government administrative knowledge.

Among those from the Highland Park League who plan to attend are Mesdames J. Sigurd Johnson, Lee Supple, J. S. Baker, Louis Haller, Monroe Ottenheimer, V. Wm. Bridle, Robert Metznerberg, Carroll Binder Lester Britton, Van Kirk, James Clarke, Charles Grimes, David Suttle, Richard Lowenthal, Jay S. Glidden, Walter Rubens Doug. Boyd, Philip Ringer, Marc Law,

Geo. Carr, Lester Wellman Sr., and Spencer Keare. Any member wishing to attend may do so by calling Mrs. J. S. Johnson for credentials.

## Two Day Rummage Sale Opens Friday At Trinity Church

At the rummage sale to be held by the Trinity Guild and Women's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal church on Friday and Saturday of this week, May 3 and 4, many interesting articles will be found, including an upright piano in excellent condition, furniture, beds, springs, etc., very fine dishes, lovely

baby clothes, several men's overcoats, tuxedos, suits, children's clothes and toys; in the women's department, a fur coat, suits, dresses etc., and many fine editions of books. This is only a small number of the bargains to be offered. Doors open at 9 a.m. both days.

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