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AMERICAN LEGION DOES FINE WORK

Huge Index System Being Made
to Protect Nation in Case of
War Scare.

IS INFORMATION BUREAU.

The movement to accurately tabulate the military resources of the United States, under the name of the American Legion, is spreading like wild-fire. Since its birth on Feb. 26, requests to join have poured into Capt. Gordon Johnston, aid on the staff of Gen. Wood, who acts for the army, and Commander R. B. Crank of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, who passes on men available for the navy. These requests come from men in every walk of life. In the beginning 1,000 application blanks were printed. They were absorbed the first day and an order for 50,000 was placed. These disappeared with such rapidity another order was sent in and now it looks as if the Legion will have at least 250,000 members by June, and it may be double that number.

The idea of the Legion is to establish a bureau of information to the suitability of anyone who is willing to serve as a volunteer should this country go to war. A man who wishes to join can make no claim for membership unless his experience and knowledge are such as to be of real value to an army or navy in time of war. To insure this practicability officers of the army, navy and marine corps pass on each application and act in an advisory capacity to the executive committee. The chief purpose of the new organization is to supplement the activities of the war department and to be of subsidiary service to the army.

There is no anticipation of war in this new order. There is no desire to rouse a militant feeling through the country. It is simply a preparation on a systematized line to supply a need the country has labored under and which was woefully apparent at the time of the Spanish-American war. There is neither a desire for or possibility of war incitement. The new order is nothing but a gigantic card index system devised to save time, money and lives in case of necessity, which is bound to come some time, though may it be granted the time is too far distant to be even within the bounds of imagination.

A Chicago section has opened offices in the Merchants Loan and Trust building and many recruits have come from towns along the north shore. The list of members is to be published. A camp will be established near Winnetka when all is running smoothly and those who wish to go into real training can do so, but the Legion members will not march, they will not meet, they will have no officers. No one will be taken from his work and the dues are twenty-five cents a year. It is to be ready for, but not to invite war.

PAINT RAGS GO UP IN SMOKE.

A fire that started in the basement of Mr. Martin's house on Woodland avenue Sunday evening, from rags that had been used by painters was easily subdued when the fire truck arrived. The damage was slight.

Give Out Party Platforms

CITIZENS' VILLAGE PARTY. Platform.

We stand for the municipal ownership and operation of the Village Utilities.

We pledge ourselves to grant no franchise without first submitting the matter to a referendum vote of the people.

We stand for efficiency in the administration of village affairs.

We stand for conservative economy based upon the results of a careful study of every condition.

We stand for the present efficient organization of the Police and Fire Departments.

We approve of the appointment of a business manager, and if elected will give the plan our full support.

From an unbiased point of view the election to be held the first of next month will be a very close one. With two tickets in the field, the Winnetka ticket and the Citizen's Party Ticket, and both already hard at work it looks as though there will be some warm times in the next two weeks.

The platforms of the two parties shown above while not conflicting directly on any one subject are different enough to influence voters one way or the other. The Citizens' village Party are upholding and will, to a certain extent, continue the plans and policies of the present administration while the Winnetka Ticket offers a change in the present policies.

Both parties have their campaigns well under way. The Citizens' Party held a large meeting at the Community House Wednesday night which was attended by all the candidates and many of their friends. The members of the Winnetka Party have been

THE WINNETKA TICKET. Platform.

A conservative reorganization of the executive departments of the village, with a view to greater economy and efficiency.

That all public records and accounts shall be open to the inspection of the public at all times.

That the water and light plant shall be retained and operated with the strictest economy, consistent with efficiency.

That no franchise or privilege be granted to any person or corporation except after an affirmative referendum vote.

The extension of public improvements when paid for by special assessment shall only be done by the consent of a majority of the property owners to be assessed.

To open stub ends of streets to allow the public better access to Lake Michigan.

To compile and publish the village ordinances.

To more adequately light the public thoroughfares

To create an efficient board of health.

That all public improvements shall be so designed and constructed that the same will be adequate in view of the future growth and expansion of the village.

holding meetings nearly every night and they are making plans for a big public meeting to be held later on. There has been some talk about their petition not being filed, but it will be in before next Tuesday which is the last day for filing petitions.

One petition, that of Alfred Johnson who is a candidate for the office of Marshal and Collector, has been filed on an Independent ticket.

RECIPROCITY DAY AT WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Prof. Wm. B. Owen Is Chief Speaker
—Members of Associate Clubs
in Brief Speeches.

The North Shore Catholic Woman's League held its monthly meeting at the Woman's Club on Thursday of last week. Invitations had been extended to the presidents of various city and suburban clubs, it being reciprocity day.

Mrs. M. H. Lieber, president of the Woman's Club, gave a short address, and the work of associate clubs was outlined by Mrs. R. H. McColl, president of the Evanston Catholic Woman's Club; Mrs. Cruch, vice-president of the Rogers Park Catholic Woman's Club; Mrs. W. A. Kittermaster, regent of the Glencoe chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, and Mrs. Enright, president of the West End Catholic Woman's Club. The principal speaker for the afternoon was Mr. William B. Owen, principal of the Chicago Normal School, who gave a talk on the "Vocational Schools of Illinois." Mr. Herman Behrens played two violin selections and Mrs. F. K. Brennan of Edgewater sang a group of songs. They were accompanied by Miss Myrtle Cornish.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO CAPE & SONS

Wilson St. to Be Paved by Racine
Firm Soon as Possible This
Spring.

At the Board of Local Improvement meeting held at the Village Hall, Wednesday evening, the only settled business was a resolution that was passed to accept the bid of James Cape & Sons for the paving of Wilson street.

Mr. Cape had made the lowest offer among many bidders for the work and as his work could be guaranteed personally by an authority on such matters, the paving of the street will be gotten under way at the earliest possible moment.

Another meeting is called for Wednesday evening. The paving of Sheridan Road is yet to be decided upon and there are numerous other matters that bid fair to keep the members of the board busy for some time to come.

JAS. SIMPSON FINED \$5.

James Simpson of Glencoe, vice-president of Marshall Field & Co., was arrested for speeding within the village, Sunday, and fined \$5 by Judge Prouty.

TRUSTEES HOLD COUNCIL MEETING

Last Regular Session Before the
Spring Election Brings Out
New Men.

BE AT SPECIAL MEETING.

At the village council meeting held Tuesday evening, Trustee Davis read a letter from Village Manager Sherer of Glencoe, protesting against a bill that had been rendered by the Water and Light department of the village of Winnetka for repairs on the meters in Glencoe. Though the matter was not up for submission to the council the explanation given by Mr. Herdman as engineer of the water and light properties is of interest.

The chief objection to the bill in manager Sherer's letter was a charge for services extending through the period of fifty and one half hours in the testing and repairing of the meters of which there are forty-four.

Mr. Herdman said that this charge covered the time spent in taking out and testing all the meters. Among so many there were sure to be some needing repair at intervals and a system had been in use for some time past where each meter was checked up every two weeks that it might be kept in first class running condition. To test each meter when it gave indications of slowing and bring it up to the mark took considerable work. He suggested a letter fully explaining the matter should be written and sent Manager Sherer on the approval of the committee of the Water and Light department. This suggestion was accepted.

Trustee Nichols moved that the revised code of the village ordinance be engrossed and posted. Trustee Davis seconded the motion which was passed. Trustee Nichols then moved that the ordinance be published and that the Judiciary committee be authorized to secure bids for its publication and see to the printing and other matters connected with the same. This motion was seconded by Trustee Davis and passed.

As this meeting of the Board of Trustees was the last regular council meeting—there being five Tuesdays in March—a special meeting was called for next Tuesday.

NEW BUILDING PERMITS.

A permit has been issued to Otto Anderberg for a house at 548 Provident avenue. Alfred Nelson will build a private garage at 370 Walnut street. At 981 Gordon Terrace a house is to be erected for L. M. Dean. William Balmes will build a house at 946 Oak street. F. J. Husan is to place a bungalow at 964 Provident avenue. A house for William Aitken will go up at 844 Foxdale avenue and J. C. Phillips will build at 399 Elder Lane.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Sarah M. Clark, widow of Alson E. Clark, died Tuesday at the age of 75 at her residence, 2229 Calumet avenue. She was the mother of Alson Clark, landscape painter, Mancel T. and Edwin H. Clark and a cousin of William A. Otis. Services were held at the family residence, yesterday afternoon. The interment was at Rosehill.