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PRICE FIVE CENTS

SHERIDAN ROAD NOW OPEN IN NEW TRIER

Impressive Ceremonies on Saturday Dedicated Highway to Public Use.

NAVAL CADETS GIVE DRILL

Hundreds From Chicago and Adjacent Towns Join in Celebration Maypole Dance Is Feature.

There was a note of jubilation and a flash of gay colors Saturday when Chicago and North Shore folks joined in a ceremonial to mark the opening of the newly constructed stretches of Sheridan road in Kenilworth, Wilmette and the intervening portions in New Trier township. There was a colorful parade headed by Lieut. MacNair and a detachment of men from the Great Lakes Naval training station at Lake Bluff. A Maypole dance by children from Kenilworth and an impressive christening wherein a bottle of wine was broken upon the new highway.

Procession From Chicago.

Several hundred Chicagoans motored in a procession that started from the Art Institute at 1:30 o'clock. In one of the automobiles was former Governor Chas. S. Deneen and Mayor Thompson. Both appeared on the speakers' platform and made addresses in the Kenilworth festivities.

There were three parts of the christening. In each instance bombs were exploded which released the national colors while the band from the naval station played "The Star Spangled Banner." This was followed by the ceremony of cutting a ribbon barrier. In Wilmette Miss Minnie Mae Schmidt officiated in the christening, breaking the bottle of champagne that declared the thoroughfare open.

Courtiers Surround Queens.

In Kenilworth the ceremony was performed by Miss Virginia Little, and for New Trier township Miss Katherine Scheidenheim. These were the three queens of the festival, and they came to the scene of their triumphs surrounded by their courtiers and maids of honor.

After the formal christenings the procession re-formed and proceeded to Wilmette and disbanded. The chief feature of the celebration was the Maypole dance, in which many young children of Kenilworth participated.

Nelson Lampert, president of the Lincoln park board, E. L. Lobdell, president of the Sheridan road improvement association, Mayor Schmidt of Wilmette, Mayor Bull of Kenilworth, and President Collier of the New Trier township commissioners, all participated in the events.

Mr. Deneen paid his respects to the sailors, suggesting that their presence indicates the interest of the federal government in Sheridan road as a means of military communication.

The speaking program was concluded when Mr. Lampert threw the last shovelful of earth from the completed road, using a silver shovel. The new pavements now complete the paved road to the north limits of Kenilworth, one of brick and two of concrete. They vary in width from thirty to forty feet.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS BUILD FENCE TO HIDE HUGE SIGN

Hubbard Woods has erected a white fence. It was put up to hide a great wooden sign which was reared by an enterprising commercial firm opposite the Hubbard Woods station. After a deal of agitation the village board decided to raise a lattice fence directly in front of the offending structure. This was one. Today anyone venturing into Hubbard Woods can see the lattice fence but not the sign. The village board has announced that it will grow vines over the fence and make it still more spiteful. It will also build the fence as high as the sign should the sign owners take it upon themselves to combat the artistic spirit of the community.

NAVY OFFERS YOUNG MEN OPPORTUNITIES

Ambitious Youths Can Climb to Top of Ladder in World's Greatest Fleet.

NEED FOR OFFICERS GREAT

Enlisted Men Under Twenty Years of Age, With One Year's Sea Service, Eligible to Naval Cadetship.

The need for additional officers in the United States Navy is being more keenly felt, with the commissioning of very new dreadnaught. One of the last acts of the Congress which ceased to exist on March 4, 1917, was to provide that 100 midshipmen at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, were to be drawn from the enlisted personnel of the Navy. Every enlisted man under 20 years of age, with one year's sea service, is eligible for one of these vacancies, and the examinations are entirely competitive, the highest 100 young men receiving the appointments.

The average young man in the Navy, like the average young man in civilian life, has not had a high school education and this fact is inducing high school boys to enlist in the navy, as it is practically certain that any young man with a groundwork of two to two years or more high school training who really desires to enter Annapolis can do so.

Ablest Men Given Preference.

Naval authorities consider midshipmen with this preliminary training of particular value, as their knowledge of Naval affairs give such young men a much better grasp of the possibilities of their future career than is held by the candidates appointed directly from civil life by congressmen. The men appointed from the enlisted personnel must be recommended by their commanding officer, and an officer zealous of maintaining the best traditions of the Naval service, will give preference to the ablest men under him. This places the highest honors of the Naval service within the grasp of any young man who has "future fitness to win."

The regiment of midshipmen is always the personal guard of the president at his inauguration. The academy course being for four years every midshipman participates in one inauguration, and generally, in later life as a commissioned officer, in many more.

Midshipmen make three cruises during their Naval Academy career, each cruise held during the three summer months. The itinerary of these cruises is laid out—Germany, Norway, England, Gibraltar, etc. In 1915 it was considered inadvisable to send the training squad in European waters on account of the war and they were therefore sent to San Francisco, through the Panama Canal, to view the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Opportunity to Advance.

The standards of living, of discipline, of manhood, and of scholastic ability are maintained at a high level. The pressing need of officers has not lowered these standards, as was recently shown when the usual percentage of the midshipmen were "bilged" (forced to resign) for deficiency in studies.

The young man who has an aptitude for the sea, who wishes to enter the Naval service under the best conditions, who has the ambition to reach the top, and is willing to do his utmost to realize such an ambition—such a type makes the successful Naval officer. Such a man has within his grasp the chance to become the commander-in-chief of one of the world's greatest fleets.

America's future is linked with sea power. Our merchant marine must become a reality, not a vague hope; our Navy must be powerful enough to keep the seas open, and our coasts safe, at all times. The men at Annapolis today will be the moving figures in a few years in carrying out our national inspirations on the seas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cole of Ridge avenue arrived home last week from a six weeks' stay in Hollywood, Calif., returning by way of Arizona.

WINNETKA WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

By the Press Committee

The Winnetka Woman's Club has reached such large proportions that the annual luncheon, with which it has been the custom to close the club year, was given up in favor of an afternoon meeting on Thursday, April 19, with a general reception after the business program. And a very festive reception it was, with a large attendance, particularly luscious sandwiches and smiling faces under new spring bonnets.

The business meeting was opened with voting on the new ticket presented by Mrs. Orwig, chairman of the nominating committee. While the poles were being held open the regular annual reports of the officers and committee chairmen were made. The recording secretary read the list of new members admitted at the last meeting and reported the resignation of others. There was a report from the recording secretary, corresponding secretary, the treasurer and the auditing committee. Space does not permit of a detailed account of these reports, but it must suffice to say that they were satisfactory and interesting. The chairmen of the Art and Literature Committee, the educational committee and the civics committee gave reports of the programs furnished and other good work done. The chairman of the social committee reported the average attendance at each meeting at 233; the chairman of the house committee reported its faithful work; the chairman of the membership committee reported the present membership being 494.

The most satisfactory report was made by the chairman of the finance committee, telling among other things the different contributions to charities which the club is making and the payment of another \$1000 on the mortgage, reducing our debt to \$1500. And there were reports from the chairman of the press committee and from the chairman of the rug committee.

Mrs. Roswell Mason reported as delegate for the infant welfare work and reminded the club members that the first week in May is to be "Baby Week," and Mrs. Morris Greeley reported as delegate to the Legal Aid Society telling its aims and its important work.

Several announcements of interest were made; there is to be a meeting of the new association of Parents and Teachers of New Trier High School on Monday, April 3; a Chataqua with the usual lecture courses and educational advantages will be held in the neighborhood of Edgewater, during the last week in August. The art committee of the Tenth District Federation announces an exhibit of artists to be held June 8 and June 9 in the log cabin of Mrs. Burnham. An invitation was read from the Social Economics Club to a luncheon to be given Tuesday, May 8. Mrs. Merritt Starr, who has charge of the Club Archives, told something of what the Archives are asking for interesting records to be placed therein.

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood gave a short and inspiring talk on "The Several Practical Ways in Which Women Can Help the Country in These Stirring Times." Mrs. Wood told of what may be done outside of Red Cross work without neglecting other branches of service. She suggested a scheme of organization comprising the heads of all men's and women's organizations in the Village, and this broad scheme is to be discussed at a mass meeting to be held at the Community House on Sunday evening. Mrs. Wood laid particular stress on the necessity of attending to the duties of our normal lives, not neglecting home economics, home charities and home welfare movements.

Mrs. Buell announced a series of four lectures on "Home Economy" to be held on Tuesday at the Woman's Club, reminding club members of the cooking classes now being conducted for the cooks of Winnetka by the domestic science teacher at the Horace Mann school.

Mrs. Stephen Foster is in charge of contributions to help fill the Red Cross bags which Winnetka has promised. Mrs. Wortley, the outgoing president, gave the club her final

HOME GUARD TO AID BOYS AT THE FRONT

Wilmette Citizens Gather in Patriotic Mass Meeting Wednesday.

MEET NEXT THURSDAY EVE

Organization Will Be Completed to Assist Young Men of the North Shore Joining Army and Navy.

Wilmette's boys at the front will not be friendless. At a mass meeting of more than 200 of the substantial and well-known citizens of the village, held Wednesday evening in the Congregational church, following an informal dinner, preliminary action was taken to form what will probably be known as the "Wilmette Home Guard," whose function will be to back up in every possible way the young men who join the service from Wilmette and other North Shore villages. As an evidence of the serious intentions of the assemblage a very large number of subscriptions to a \$5,000 Wilmette contribution for Y. M. C. A. work with the army and navy was collected. About a dozen Wilmette recruits were present.

The meeting was under interdenominational church auspices, with the Reverend Frank Wilson of St. Augustine's Episcopal church as chairman and Major Edward J. Vattman, George E. Cole, the Reverend Craig Stewart of Evanston, Scoutmaster George R. Harbough of the Wilmette Boy Scouts, Private Spencer Young, Rev. R. E. Bowers, Principal Brown of New Trier High school, Henry R. Rathbone of Kenilworth, president of the Hamilton club, and Secretary Gethman of the Y. M. C. A., among the speakers.

Following spirited and practical addresses and counsel for manliness at the front and serious co-operation at home, a committee made up of the following men was appointed to report on ways and means from definite and permanent organization at another mass meeting of both men and women to be held at the Central avenue school on the evening of Thursday, April 26:

A. H. Howard, chairman; Major E. J. Vattman, A. L. Rice, Thomas E. D. Bradley, H. L. Beach, Frank Seng, J. F. Stone, E. H. Bentley, H. K. Snyder, C. C. Mitchell, Joseph Tysowski and P. B. Fitzgerald.

FREE LECTURE AT WINNETKA WOMAN'S CLUB

In response to a general appeal from the housekeepers of Winnetka a series of valuable talks have been arranged by a committee appointed from the Woman's Club. Miss Lindsey of the Illinois Training School for Nurses will speak on Tuesday, April 24, Friday, April 27, and Tuesday, May 1, at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Lyndon Evans, president of the School of Domestic Science, and of the Home Preparedness League, will talk Friday, May 4, at 2:30 p. m. These lectures are free and everyone is especially urged to be present.

A message in a few graceful and gracious words which were a fitting preface for the moving little speech of acceptance from the incoming president, Mrs. Carrie Prouty, for whom the club's welcome is so warm.

The chairman of tellers announced the election of the following officers and board members for the coming year:

Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, Pres.; Mrs. Charles T. Mordock, 1st Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Sherman M. Goble, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Florence Capron, Record. Secy.; Mrs. Howard Walsh, Cor. Secy.; Mrs. Alfred G. Freeman, Treas.; Mrs. Earl N. Rhodes heads the Art and Literature Committee; Mrs. Alfred S. Aschuler heads Education Committee; Mrs. Allan I. Wolff heads Civics and Philanthropy Committee; Mrs. John R. Montgomery heads Social Committee; Mrs. William A. Otis heads House Committee; Members at large, Mrs. Wm. J. Carey, Mrs. Ernest Ballard, Mrs. Charles L. Byron.

BIG CAMPAIGN FOR Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK

North Shore Helping Swell Country's Contribution to Aid Soldiers.

GIRLS GIVE UP ALL FRILLS

Make Patriotic Pledge of Money Once Spent for Gowns, Silk Stockings and Candy.

All the north shore is interested in the big five-day campaign that is now on in Cook county to raise \$200,000 for the war fund of the Y. M. C. A., Illinois' share of the \$3,000,000 asked to carry this work to the 1,000,000 soldiers of America and support it for one year, was placed at \$300,000, of which Cook county took \$200,000. Evanston volunteered to raise \$25,000 of this and \$15,000 additional as its share of the "Y" work in the prison camps of Europe, combining the solicitation. It formed committees of live workers who are on the job all the time, and up to Wednesday evening had reported contributions of over \$27,000 with many committees not then heard from. Chairman Edwin S. Mills of the executive committee ventured the assertion that the total contribution of Evanston would be nearer \$50,000 than \$40,000.

Wilmette's Volunteer Committee.

A voluntary committee of Wilmette workers has gone into the field in aid of the movement. They have not reported as yet, but it is expected that by Friday evening they will have very substantial contributions to offer, and it is the same way in Winnetka and Glencoe.

Seldom has such enthusiasm been seen in any similar campaign. Particularly have the women taken it up as one thing they may do to help their country in its time of need. Workers in the Y. M. C. A. camps on the Texas border last summer told of the wonderful work of the army Y. M. C. A. in keeping the soldier boys at the front in fit condition both morally and physically. Its service is not sectarian and every cent contributed for this work goes to the benefit of the men at the front and in the camps. They are furnished entertainment of such good quality—moving pictures, vaudeville shows and the like—that they stay in camp and pass up the poor whiskey and worse women that hang to ever soldier camp and debase the rank and file.

Ravages of Disease.

W. W. Gethmann, who was in charge of the work on the border, has done great service by pointing out that disease contracted from camp followers has caused more mortality among soldiers than all the bullets and shot and shell. To keep the soldiers in camp and away from these places is the problem that the Y. M. C. A. service on the border has successfully solved. To support this work at a cost of \$3 per soldier per year is something that everyone can help in by their contributions.

Young women of Northwestern University have already contributed over \$3,000, all of it at a personal sacrifice. They have given up their costly graduation gowns, silk stockings and spats, candies and ice cream in order that they might contribute the money to the cause, and their parties for the balance of the year are all going to be of the simple kind. The stories told of the sacrifices they are making are inspiring in their patriotism. In helping the soldiers in this way they are doing their part in the war work. If you have not been asked to make a pledge you can send a check directly to "The War Work Fund," C. N. Stevens, treasurer, at the Evanston Y. M. C. A. Every little helps and everyone can do their bit to aid their country in this very necessary work for the soldier boys. If you cannot volunteer you can subscribe.

Mrs. Charlotte Anderson, who was confined with illness for many months at the St. Francis hospital of Evanston, where she has spent four years, is still at the St. Francis Employment Agency for a term of months formerly in charge of the Anderson