



Mrs. J. Elliott Langstaff, national president of the Daughters of the British Empire in the U. S. A., in the name of the order, has given her country home at Stonybrook, Long Island, to the government to be used as a convalescent hospital for wounded American officers. The gift has been accepted, and the various chapters of the order are furnishing the equipment.

The Woman's society of the Congregational church held its annual luncheon and business meeting at Community house Wednesday. Reports for the year were given and the following officers elected:

President, Mrs. M. H. Lieber; First Vice-President, Mrs. George Gordon; Second Vice-President, Mrs. P. W. Bradstreet; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Norman Anderson, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Farmer; Treasurer, Mrs. James Linn. The following chairmen of various committees were also elected: work, Mrs. Jessie Fugate; lunch, Mrs. E. W. Conable; missions, Mrs. L. Harrison Mettler; flower, Mrs. Edwin F. Snell; philanthropy, Mrs. Barrett Conway; neighborhood circle, Mrs. John R. Montgomery; house, Mrs. Ayres Boal. Three members at large are: Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, Mrs. F. T. Burke and Mrs. Roswell B. Mason.

Following the business meeting Miss Smith of Bowling Green, Ohio, who is studying at the Fine Arts Building in the city, sang two groups of very pleasing solos, accompanied by Mrs. Percival Hunter.

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood addressed about one hundred women in Orchestra Hall foyer, Monday, giving a convincing report on the National League for Women's Service and war relief work in New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Mrs. George Isham presided at this meeting and among those present were Mesdames Cyrus H. McCormick, Ogden Armour, Arthur Ryerson, Joseph Coleman, R. T. Crane, Joseph Cudahy, Russel Tyson, Joseph Winterbotham, John H. Winterbotham and Philip Schuyler Doane.

Miss Margaret McArthur, assistant at the Columbia Music school gave a concert at the Christian church in Dixon, Illinois, Friday, April 20.

Mrs. C. T. Anderson will entertain the Ladies' society of the Swedish church Thursday afternoon at the Winnetka Woman's club.

Miss Griswold of Girton school is entertaining the girls in residence with a kindergarten party, this even-

A subscription dance will be given at the Winnetka Woman's club, Saturday evening, May 12, for the benefit of French babies. The committee in charge includes Mrs. N. H. Blatchford, Jr., Mrs. Samuel Greeley, Mrs. Charles Forman, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Ayres Boal, and Mrs. Goidard F. Cheney. The patronesses are: Mrs. Frederick Greeley, Mrs. Arthur Coffin, Mrs. James L. Houghliag, Mrs. W. A. Otis, Mrs. Frederick Copeland, Mrs. Lowell Copeland, Mrs. Lyman T. Walker, Mrs. John R. Montgomery, Mrs. James F. Porter, Mrs. Roswell B. Mason, Mrs. H. A. DeWindt, Mrs. W. E. Seatree, Mrs. A. C. Magnus, Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Mrs. Howard Elting, Mrs. H. K. Tenney, Mrs. W. B. McIlvaine and Mrs. C. T. Mordock.

The North Avenue Day Nursery, organized some years ago by a group of Chicago's most exclusive society set, held its annual session Tuesday and elected its board members. Miss Mildred McCormick was chosen president, Miss Margaret Houghteling, of Winnetka, vice-president, Mrs. John T. McCutcheon, treasurer and Mrs. Frank Hibbard, secretary. The association cares for about 50 children daily, and once a year the children and their mothers are given an outing at Druse Lake, Ill.

Indian Hill club was reopened for the summer season April 8, but because of weather conditions there has been no chance for golf, however, plans for golf and tennis tournaments are under way and, while many of the previous participants have taken to gardening, there are still a great number who are looking forward to their favorite sports.

The plays given by the dramatic club and the German play given by the German students, at Girton school, Friday evening, were enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. The girls displayed wonderful ability and talent in these presentations.

The Phi Beta sorority of Northwestern University will give a dancing party at the Winnetka Woman's club Saturday evening.

Horace J. Bridges completed a course of interesting lectures at the Winnetka Woman's club Wednesday evening. His subject was "And the Religion of Sincerity" by Thomas Henry Huxley.

Mrs. William Gold Hibbard, Jr., opened her home at 840 Willow Road, Wednesday morning for the first of a series of talks on current events given by Mrs. E. S. Adams and Miss Julie Adams.

Mrs. Fred F. Parsons, 518 Hawthorn Lane, entertained informally at tea Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Charles Wittmack, formerly of Woodland Avenue, who leaves soon to make her home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been invited to visit Zion City and attend service, on Sunday afternoon. Members who expect to go will please meet at Elm Street station at 1:28 p. m.

The Delphian Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Ryan, 1179 Asbury Avenue, Hubbard Woods, Friday afternoon.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

The Charles Ashley family, 569 Elm Street, are leaving Winnetka this week to make their home in the east. Mrs. Ashley will spend about a week in Hanesville, Wisconsin, and will then go to Buffalo for a visit. The Misses Thelma and Erma Ashley will stay with Mrs. George Pearse until the end of the school season after which they will go to Newark where the Ashleys expect to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Higginson, Jr., have rented their country home, "Meadow Farm" to the Interriedens and have taken a cottage at Lenox, Massachusetts, where their daughters, the Misses Theresa and Lee Higginson, will spend the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Higginson, when not in Lenox, will occupy a small house in Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stein, of Chicago, who are moving into their new home in Hubbard Woods, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stein and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stein, of Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wittmack and small son, formerly of Woodland Avenue, but who have recently been living in Evanston, will leave soon to make their future home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

**TOWN IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION.**

An illustration of the difference between personality and machinery in town improvement work was given a few years ago in a well known city. A leading citizen devised what, on the face of it, was the most perfectly arranged proposition for civic betterment, called the "Federated Societies." Every church, fraternal organization, etc., was to send a delegate to a central body.

The central body would discuss all town improvement matters and arrange for action through an executive committee. Then it was the function of the delegates to report progress to their several societies. In that way it was believed that public sentiment favorable to improvement projects would be created in every local organization.

It was a great scheme and it worked beautifully—for about one year. Some excellent things were accomplished. Unfortunately the health of the man who organized the plan failed and soon after he died. Then the whole thing slumped. Dozens of people had been very much interested, had attended meetings regularly, and given support and influence. But it took one powerful pushing force to make the thing live. It does seem a shame that there are so many leaners, that public work is thus left to a few while the rest sit around and approve but do nothing.

In the long run betterment projects cannot succeed unless they have a good number of workers behind them. The few who do the pushing will sooner or later die or move away or find other calls on their time. There must be a more general spirit of community service. There must be more people who are willing to serve on committees, not merely in an ornamental way. They must be willing to assume responsibility for certain tasks and put them through to a finish.

W. H. Sabin this week attended the State Camp, Woodmen of America, at Decatur, as a delegate from Wilmette Camp No. 10334. Mr. Sabin is the official representative of the order in this district. He will return home Friday.

W. E. Richardson, 876 Spruce Street, has been confined to his home for the past month on account of illness.

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**ENLIST IN THE WAR EMERGENCY UNION.**

In order to enable every citizen to do his part under present conditions, the War Emergency Union is asking all the men and women of Winnetka to enroll themselves in that organization by filling out cards indicating the service that they are willing to render. It is hoped that as Winnetka has been the leader in the matter of organization, it will also take the lead in the number of citizens who are ready and willing to render specific and effective service when called upon to do so.

The appeal of the War Emergency Union is signed by Victor Elting, General Chairman, and J. W. F. Davies, Executive Secretary and is addressed to all citizens of Winnetka.

"At a mass meeting held last Sunday evening attended by more than 500 people, the program and organization of the War Emergency Union were universally approved. To make the plan more effective we need the co-operation of every citizen. We earnestly ask your help. For the purpose of obtaining a complete record of what the people of Winnetka are ready and able to do, we request that you sign and return the enclosed cards indicating the service you will render. There are separate cards for men and women. These should be returned to the War Emergency Union, Community House, Winnetka.

"The most pressing matter at this time is the increasing of food production. The committee in charge requests every one having nearby land capable of cultivation and every one willing to cultivate land, to communicate immediately with the Secretary of the Union at Community House (telephone, Winnetka 470). The indications are that there will be more applications for land than there will be available land. It is therefore, important that both tenders of land and applications therefor should be made immediately.

"Winnetka has taken the lead in organizing and its plan is being adopted in other towns. But it is not enough to have a plan and organization. We can contribute our share only by zealous and self sacrificing effort and actually doing the particular work for which each of us is best fitted. We therefore ask you to send in your enrollment card immediately so that the Union may have a complete roster of citizens who are willing to serve, and of what they are willing to do. This is the first step towards preparing our community for any call that may be made upon it."

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