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LOCAL MEN REPORT AT FORT SHERIDAN

Training Camp For Reserve Officers
Opens With 36 Men Registered
From this District.

WILMETTE LEADS WITH TWELVE MEN ENROLLED

Program For Cadets Abolishes
Chance of Soft Living.

Uncle Sam's rookie officers at the Fort Sheridan training camp began their first course in the big military university Monday morning and registered to qualify for commissions in the officers' reserve corps.

Twenty-three men were called to report for the training school from this district and 13 men are placed on Col. W. J. Nicholson's books waiting for an opportunity to fill vacancies in the ranks.

Wilmette Leads.

Wilmette leads the North Shore district with 12 men, Winnetka gives 11 men, Glenoe registered seven rookies, Kenilworth five men, and Hubbard Woods has Harold W. Snell as their representative. Most of the men have entered the infantry ranks with the artillery as the second choice and the cavalry given the last place.

Long, low, yellow pine buildings built on the parade field of the army reservation house the men, one building being used for sleeping quarters and another for mess by each unit which is made up of 167 embryo officers. Pine lockers where each cadet officer may keep his personal belongings furnish the only luxury to give the atmosphere of making the living soft.

Course Outlined.

Regular study hours, recitation and drill periods have been arranged to keep the rookies busy from early morning until the taps sound late at night. The organization of companies and instructions in arrangement of beds and lockers and barrack regulations kept the cadets occupied their first day of encampment.

Infantry drill regulations, school of soldier, school of squad, practice marches, manual of interior guard duty, semaphore, sighting and physical drills were the order of events for the men following the organization of companies for the first four days of work.

Examine Cadets.

Following three months in training the men will be examined by a board of army officers who will rate them for the final selections in the commissioned ranks. The reserve officers will be assigned to take charge of the many divisions of men to be drafted for service in supervising their drill and army instructions.

In selecting the rookie officers the army board divided the men into two classes "A" and "B." Those selected in the first division are attending the training camp while the members of the second class are expecting a call to report at any time.

Glenoe.

The men notified of their selection are: Class "A"—Herbert B. Barthoff, Charles O. Berg, D. B. Bligh, Sam G. Goss, Gilbert D. Johnson and Ralph B. Richards. Class "B"—Frank R. Powell.

Hubbard Woods.

Class "A"—Harold W. Snell.

Kenilworth.

Class "A"—J. Alden Sears, W. P. Lester and George A. Paddock. Class "B"—Leon B. Allen and Zero Marx.

Wilmette.

Class "A"—Tom Brown, Herbert Collyer, W. B. Gates, Edward J. McArdle and N. E. Wheelock. Class "B"—F. B. Bellows, Fernando Cuni-berti, J. H. Dulin, L. H. Frank, L. H. Meyers, W. E. Reynolds and S. M. Sykes.

Winnetka.

Class "A"—Robert A. Allton, Preston Boyden, John F. Holland, F. O. Magie, D. G. Nethercot, G. H. Scribner, Frederick E. Swanson and C. D. Weart. Class "B"—J. E. Bradstreet, F. W. Copeland and George Kuhn.

Vrooman Lauds Winnetka Plan in Organizing Local Gardens

M. R. EDWARD S. ROGERS, of the Committee on Food Production and Supply, was authorized to make inquiry in Washington for the War Emergency Union concerning the food situation. He writes from the capitol under date of May 5, as follows:

"I had an interview this morning with Mr. Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, and put the question to him flat whether the food situation was as serious as has been reported. He said that as far as this country is concerned, and if there were no one to feed but the people in this country, there would be nothing alarming about the situation; that there would be plenty of food; but that this country is the world's bread-basket, and we have got to feed not only the people here but the people in England, France and Italy; that the submarine campaign is very much more serious than any one anticipated. That the English harvest will not be until September; the French in August, and that unless enormous amounts of food are gotten to the allies within the next three months the war will be over and the Germans will win. That the disclosures of the French and English commissions have startled and amazed the Administration, and they are thoroughly awake to the extreme seriousness of the situation as far as food is concerned, and that this seriousness cannot be exaggerated.

Lauds Winnetka.

"I left with him an outline of the Winnetka Organization. He said it was fine, and he had nothing to add. In response to my request for suggestions, he stated that the more food we can save in this country the more we will have to send abroad, and that the particular need of the allies is wheat flour. Therefore we in this country should use as little wheat flour as possible; buy in small quantities; eat corn bread, graham bread and rye bread, and not white bread exclusively.

"To raise crops that can be stored and kept over next winter; to eat

only new potatoes, keeping the old ones for seed; to raise peas and beans. These foods are nutritious in themselves and can be stored without any preparation except thrashing out, drying and putting in bags. For all housewives to can and preserve the surplus from the gardens. This would leave just so much commercial canned goods for export. I suggest (and this is my own suggestion, not his) that a thorough search be made for all wide mouth bottles, and glass tobacco jars, for canning and preserving purposes, and that all such be collected and saved. There is a serious shortage in Masons and other preserving jars, and it is getting worse.

Market Surplus.

"Mr. Vrooman pointed out that there is likely to be this summer a surplus of green vegetables, particularly such things as cabbage, lettuce, chard, young beets, spinach and the like. That instead of throwing this surplus away or squandering it, arrangement should be made to market it in Chicago. He said that while there may be a surplus along the North Shore, there is likely to be a shortage in Chicago, fifteen miles away.

"Mr. Vrooman also urged specifically and seriously the necessity of bringing pressure on Congress to get through the pending food legislation, and get it through quick, because every day now is of the utmost importance."

Potato Crop.

The Committee is informed that if the potato crop this year is good, there is likely to be a large surplus of potatoes. It is believed that for this locality, where the soil is not, as a rule, well adapted for potato raising, other crops would be preferable.

The Committee advises, however, the planting by each gardener of such vegetables as he has been most successful with in past years, preference being given, generally, to those which can be preserved. The local merchants are alive to the situation and will be ready and able to assist in marketing surplus perishable produce.

WAR!

BOY SCOUTS of Winnetka and Lake Forest have formally broken off diplomatic relations. Atrocities that out Hindenburg are charged by both sides. "Gen." Francis V. Mason of the Lake Forest army in his official communique issued yesterday makes the following report:

Shortly before taps last night the stupid enemy, under the probable leadership of General Frank Watt and Charlie Steel, entered our camp while our troops were reconnoitering and poured several gallons of cold water into the bays of our soldiers. They were repulsed at the return of our army with terrible loss.

Says Gen. Watt of the Winnetka forces:

Shortly before sunrise this morning the enemy penetrated our quarters and made away with the pants belonging to our army. Pursuit was begun and the garments were recovered after severe losses had been inflicted upon the enemy, who were probably under the leadership of Generals Francis and Charles Mason, George Eisenbrand and Daniel Leonard.

And leaders of both factions declare:

"We didn't start this war."

INJURED IN FRANCE

Cooper Williams of Winnipeg, an American boy was a war victim of the Canadian fields this past week. Mr. Williams is a nephew of the Misses Williams of Elm street. He is being attended at one of the hospitals in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Charles M. Thompson of Ash street is visiting friends in Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

FOUR NORTH SHORE MEN GET ARMY COMMISSIONS

Three Winnetka Men and One From
Wilmette Sworn in as Second
Lieutenants at Fort Sheridan.

Three men from Winnetka and one man from Wilmette attending the officers' reserve camp at Fort Sheridan received their commissions on Tuesday of this week.

These men were among twenty-six Illinois rookies to be given commissions the first week, all having passed their examinations for commissions last winter, at the time congress decided to establish a training camp.

Capt. R. H. Wescott of Col. Nicholson's staff summoned Frazer Hale, Sidney F. Greeley, Henry F. Tenney, Winnetka and Spencer E. Young of Wilmette late Tuesday evening, giving each man the oath of office. All the men received commissions as second lieutenants.

NEWSPAPERMAN SPEAKS HERE ON PROHIBITION

A meeting in the interest of the nation wide prohibition will be held at the Winnetka Woman's club, Friday, May 25, at 3:15. The speaker will be William Conery of the Chicago Herald. This meeting is one of fifty organized by the Chicago Woman's club to be held simultaneously in and near Chicago. The Winnetka meeting is held under the committee of the War Emergency union.

FITZGERALD LEAVES

R. L. Fitzgerald left Winnetka Monday for Fort Sheridan to attend the officers' reserve training school. Mr. Woolheiser will take his place in managing the village.

WINNETKA WILL PAVE ROADWAY FOR TROOPS

Bids for improving Sheridan Road
Must Be Submitted on May 29
To Speed Up Work.

MAKE SPECIAL ROAD TAX

Board of Local Improvements to
Make Assessments for Paving.

Winnetka is doing its "bit." On May 11 the ordinance calling for paving of one and three-fourths miles of Sheridan road from Kenilworth to Hubbard Hill was affirmed by the County Court, Judge Williams sitting. The work is to be paid for by special assessment and the Board of Local Improvements has ordered bids to be submitted on May 29 for construction of a concrete pavement identical with that on Sheridan road in Kenilworth and New Trier township.

By June 1 there will probably be 5,000 men in the Fort Sheridan camp and 25,000 at the Great Lakes Naval station near Lake Bluff. The government is taking steps to obtain practically all supplies by motor truck from Chicago. This tremendous auto truck traffic demands permanent pavement and the passage of the ordinance at this time is largely because the Winnetka Village President William McKenzie, Village Attorney Frederick Dickinson, Engineer Frank Windes and others have realized that it was a patriotic duty to give the best possible conditions for transport. Put on these grounds, it found little opposition. Proceedings were started under former President E. L. Rumlunder.

Lake County road officials are now working to bring the roads leading into Fort Sheridan from the north in as good condition as possible. From the south the work of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association for several years past has resulted in a continuous highway, permanently improved with the exception of this stretch in Winnetka, which should be begun shortly.

At the Front

WINNETKA is now on the war map with the arrival of the ambulance donated by the townspeople at the western front helping the French care for their wounded.

The following letter from Paris was received by Robert Stevenson, in regard to the departure of the machine to the front.

"Siege Central
21, Rue, Raynouard
Paris.

24th April, 1917.

Dear Mr. Stevenson:
You will be interested, I am sure, to know that the 'Winnetka, Illinois, U. S. A.' car, 547, has left for the front with our section, 16, and I have no doubt that you will in due time hear from its driver about some of the experiences through which it is passing.

Sincerely yours,
A. PIATT ANDREWS."

KENILWORTH LEADING RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

300 Members Register Raising Fund
To \$1,060.

Kenilworth holds the top step of the Red Cross membership campaign ladder with 300 families subscribing \$1,060 to aid in the society's work.

Among the applications this week was that of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keith, who wanted membership for themselves, all of their children, and their household servants.

FARM RECRUITS

Lee Fellows and William Clore, two of the New Trier freshmen who left school to help Uncle Sam farm are working near Detroit, Michigan.

WINNETKA GIRL HIT BY ELECTRIC TRAIN

Winnetka Girl Struck by Chicago
North Shore and Milwaukee
Electric Sunday Afternoon

SIX PERSONS HURT WHEN MACHINE SMASHES WAGON

Wilmette Man in Serious Condition
From Injuries Received in
Collision.

Miss Christine McCordie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McCordie, 559 Oak street, was severely injured Sunday afternoon when a Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad car struck a machine she was driving while crossing the company's tracks at Winnetka avenue.

Miss McCordie was driving south on Wilson avenue and in making a turn west to the Indian Hill golf club where she was to meet her father, a baggage car following the limited train going south wrecked her five-passenger car, tossing her out unconscious. A passing motorist took her to the Evanston hospital where she was reported today as convalescing from several cuts and bruises.

Conductor Hurt.

Roman Noske, dining car conductor, working on a limited train of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee railroad was severely injured Monday afternoon when he was brushed off a car while closing the vestibule doors.

The accident happened after the limited train left the Elm street station. In closing the vestibule doors Noske was brushed against a telephone pole in front of the Winnetka Talk office and thrown to the ground.

Miss Nettie Kaufman called Dr. Frank W. Blatchford who attended Noske and sent him home.

Wilmette Accident.

Sunday, May 13, left Winnetka with one accident to mar the police books when the automobile driven by Karl Thorp of Chicago struck a surrey driven by Louis Hurska and dumped it over on the parkway at the corner of Wilmette avenue and Nancig street.

Hurska was travelling east and the machine was following in the same direction. Hurska turned on Nancig street and the machine collided with it tossing the surrey over on the parkway, knocking the horse down and throwing the driver out. The accident happened at 7:30 o'clock and Dr. E. E. Moore was called to attend Hurska who was unconscious.

The injured man was taken to Evanston hospital where he was reported to be improving today. Mrs. J. Psenicka and her son were with Hurska at the time of the accident and both of them were severely cut and bruised, being taken to their home and attended by Dr. B. M. Conley.

John Heise and Edward Bastgen were in the machine with Thorp at the time of the accident and both of them were cut by flying glass. The car was damaged to the extent of two broken wheels, headlights and fenders.

AUTO THIEF ABANDONS MACHINE AFTER CHASE

Attempt to Steal Car of J. B. Greiner
Ends in Hot Run.

Auto bandits looking for a joy ride picked out the car of J. B. Greiner, 631 Lake street, as their prize Sunday evening, the car was standing in front of the residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Greiner were entertaining friends at tea and their son Junior, hearing the motor spinning inquired of his father where he was going. He went out and so did the guests and neighbors came who added to the excitement with cries of "stop thief."

The man picking the Greiner car for a joy ride relinquished his desire to journey as an owner and abandoned the stolen machine on Washington street to run for a taxi.