

# WINNETKA WEEKLY TALK

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## RED CROSS MEMBERS BOOSTING WINNETKA

Local Organization Ranking Among the Leaders in Big Drive to Assist War Unit.

## BOY SCOUTS ENLIST 600 MEMBERS TO JOIN THEM

May 13th Proves to Be Lucky Day for Getting Subscriptions.

Winnetka was asked to do her bit toward the big campaign now being conducted in Chicago to procure 150,000 new members for the Chicago chapter of the American Red Cross. The women of our village have been doing Red Cross work, and had already obtained several hundred members since the beginning of the European war, the men volunteered to do what they could toward securing 1,000 new members from Winnetka.

Sunday, May 13, was appointed as Red Cross Day, and in the afternoon the canvassing committee, consisting of about forty men and twenty Boy Scouts, made a house-to-house canvass of the village. As a result of this canvass nearly six hundred new members were secured, and over \$1,000 in dues collected. An appeal has been made to the children in the public schools, but as the report from the schools has not yet been turned in, the children who have handed in their applications through the schools are not included in the above figures.

### Show Patriotism.

The splendid way in which the men and Boy Scouts volunteered for this service, and the generous response of our citizens to this appeal, is another evidence of the true Winnetka spirit.

### Campaign Going.

The Chicago membership campaign is still on, and if the desired goal is to be gained many more membership cards will have to be secured. Ours is a favored community, and it would be our privilege to contribute liberally to this cause. The dues are so arranged as to place membership within the reach of practically everyone. A person joining in Winnetka becomes a member of the Chicago chapter, but if you wish Winnetka to be given the credit for your membership it should be handed in to the office of the War Emergency Commission at Community house, or at the parish house, or either of the Winnetka banks.

## ARDEN SHORE BENEFIT HARDIN'S GARDENS

The Greek play given by the children of Girton school is to be repeated on the players' green in the beautiful gardens of Mrs. John H. Arden, Sheridan road, for the benefit of the children of Arden Shore on Saturday afternoon, June 2nd, at 4 o'clock. These beautiful gardens make an admirable setting, embodying, as they do, so much of the Greek spirit in design. There will be a number of unusual attractions that long to a garden fete.

## LEAGUE HOLDS 1917 EVENT IN WINNETKA

Annual Luncheon of the North Shore Catholic Woman's League Celebrated Here Thursday.

## AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

Speakers Laud Clubs for Active Work in Charities.

The annual luncheon of the North Shore Catholic Woman's league was given at the Winnetka Woman's club Thursday, May 17, at 1 o'clock.

Apparently, Mrs. E. C. Weissenberg, chairman of the luncheon committee, had communicated with the weather man, because it was an ideal spring day. Beauty, harmony and simplicity prevailed.

The decorations were in white and yellow, with a tint of green, and over all floated the "Stars and Stripes."

### Clubs Represented.

At the speaker's table were the presidents from the various north shore clubs, including Mrs. Martin Kent Northam, president of the tenth congressional district, and Reverend Fathers Smith and Harrington of Evanston, the Reverend Fathers Lannon and Chaparro of Wilmette, and the moderator of the league, Rev. F. J. Haarth of Hubbard Woods.

Rev. Father Smith offered the blessing which was followed by singing "America."

At the conclusion of the luncheon Mrs. William Dooly, president of the league, welcomed all present. She introduced Mrs. R. H. McColl of Evanston as toastmistress of the occasion. Mrs. McColl acknowledged the courtesy and presented Miss Manry Anderson, a daughter of a member of the league, who delighted the guests with a group of songs. She was accompanied by Miss Celia Hammes.

### Lauds Workers.

The next number on the program was Mrs. Martin Kent Northam, president of the tenth congressional district. She said, "It afforded her great pleasure to be with the club, particularly because of its nature, and it gave her the opportunity to speak candidly. It has been my experience since my incumbency as president of the tenth district to find the Catholic clubs the first to respond when pressed for charitable contributions, and I sincerely hope we will not disband during the summer months, but abide by the governor's request and continue our activities."

The Rev. F. Smyth was the next speaker and he spoke of the happiness derived from assisting others. In all his experience as pastor he found that the person was the happiest who had given a helping hand to another. It was a duty towards one's country, one's home, one's school and one's church to be interested in humanity. Every woman had the opportunity now to extend a helping hand.

### President's Address.

Mrs. William Dooly, the retiring president, concluded the program. "I would be untrue to my conception of gratitude and forgetful of the courtesy due the members of the North Shore Catholic Woman's club," she said, "if upon this occasion I failed to voice my sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to them for the many kindnesses they have accorded me during my incumbency as the president of the league. No words of mine can fittingly express the true

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**THE MEN EFFECTED**  
are all men between the ages of 21 and 31  
**YOUR DUTY**  
REGISTER AT THE  
regular polling places in New Trier township.

## NEW TRIER DANCERS READY FOR PAGEANT

200 Girls of the Physical Training Department Will Take Part in Fairy Dances June 8.

## ETHEL FLENTYE BILLED FOR FEATURE NUMBERS

Solo Dance on Program to Be of Special Interest.

Miss Ethel Flentye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Flentye, 729 Lake avenue, Wilmette, will feature with several solo dances in the fairy pageant, "A Dream Fantasy," which is to be given at the New Trier high school on June 8.

As one of the leading characters, "Spirit of Fire," Miss Flentye, who is an accomplished pianist, having studied with Madame Goedecke, and being the official accompanist of the New Trier chorus, has surprised her



Ethel Flentye.

many friends with her interpretations of several pretty dances in the pageant.

Miss Helen Hootman, who wrote the pageant, has been directing 200 girls, members of the girls' physical training department, in the dances and musical interpretations for the performance next month. Being assisted by Miss Margaret Tozier, the high school girls taking part in the elaborate entertainment are perfecting their dances in the fairy fantasy.

## PLAN PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN OF WILMETTE

Park Board Busy Completing Plans to Benefit Tots.

The Wilmette Park board has secured the services of C. W. Gundelach, former Chicago policeman, to take charge of the local parks this summer.

A number of improvements are being made in the park at Lake avenue and Fifteenth street and plans to make this into an up-to-date playground for the children are under consideration. The children will have a director to organize and care for their recreation periods if the program sought goes through.

Some of the new features consist of a large fence to keep the children off the streets and to lessen the danger of accidents. New rest rooms have been completed and the facilities to carry on the playground work have been improved upon in many ways.

**Home Charities.**  
You can help the children at Arden Shore by giving your old clothing, baby carriages, cribs, shoes, toys, bathing suits, etc. Telephone Winnetka 67 and we will call for any articles you have.  
Perry B. Buchanan, son of L. L. Buchanan and a student at the University of Wisconsin, has joined the officers' reserve camp at Fort Sheridan.

## WINNETKA WOMAN TO ASSUME WAR DUTIES

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood Goes to Washington as Secretary of Council of Defense.

## ACTIVE IN SOCIAL WORK

Directed Activities of Illinois Training School in West.

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood, 1154 Pine street, left Monday for Washington, D. C., to assume her duties as executive secretary of the woman's board of the national council of defense. Mrs. Wood's selection to this important post met with the approval of the most prominent workers of women's organizations in the western district.

In taking an active part to help mobilize the women of the United States to assist the government during the war, Mrs. Wood will make the capital her home until the war is ended. The first work Mrs. Wood accomplished along this line was a survey of the available resources of the women's organizations of the eastern states, and it was due to this survey and recommendations she added that she holds responsible for her appointment.

Serving fifteen years, first as a director and afterwards as president of the board, Mrs. Wood has helped to make the Illinois Training School for Nurses the foremost institution of its kind in the country. It is a \$250,000 concern, which furnishes and directs the nursing service of 425 nurses of Cook County hospital, the third or fourth largest hospital in the country. Besides, it operates a large social service department at the hospital and looks after the needs of thirty-three affiliated schools.

## BURLINGHAM TO DIRECT ARMY DRAFT ON JUNE 5

Information on Registration to Be Given By Local Chairman.

Full announcement will be made in next week's issue of the Weekly Talk of the conditions for registration.

It is important at this time to make a brief statement for the information of those who are not now in their home precinct or who expect to be absent on June 5th. These men, if they are in a city of 30,000 population or over, should go to the city clerk of the city and register there. If in a city of less than 30,000, application should be made to the county clerk and registration should be made with him.

In either case the registration cards must be returned to the registrar of his home precinct, prior to June 5.

Since such registrations will be few in number and since Winnetka precincts number only four, all such cards may be mailed to the chairman in charge of registration in Winnetka, Frederick W. Burlingham, 630 Maple avenue, Winnetka. Such cards will be distributed to the proper precincts by him.

### Guild Meeting.

The Young Ladies' guild of the Winnetka Congregational church will hold its final and annual business meeting at the home of the Misses Nash, 418 Sheridan road, Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. After the election of officers for the coming year, there will be a very attractive program.

**SWIMMING**  
articles written by Chauncey A. Hyatt and  
**NEW FEATURES**  
**FARMING**  
queries by experts in The Lake Shore News.

## NAVY CHIEF THANKS WOMEN FOR WAR AID

Capt. Moffett Writes Letter of Appreciation for Manner of Cooperation in Helping Navy.

## SAILORS GIVEN COMFORT KITS WHEN THEY ENLIST

Cadet Finds Gift from Winnetka Women Very Useful.

Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, are the regularly established days for work for the Navy league, at the Parish house. Surgical dressings and bed garments for the Naval Base hospital, comfort bags and housewives are made; and for those who wish to knit, there is a variety of work and plenty of it, but, so far, not a large number of workers.

These are busy days for everyone; but surely for so splendid a cause it should be possible, if not easy, for many more women to give a few hours a week to work for the sailors and jacksies of our fleet.

### Moffett Writes.

That efforts in their behalf are appreciated is attested by the following letters received by Mrs. William H. Martin, chairman of the committee of the Winnetka Woman's branch of the Navy league.

"Office of the Commandant  
"U. S. Naval Training Station  
"Great Lakes, Illinois.  
"May 12, 1917.

"My dear Mrs. Martin:

"Upon my return from Washington I found awaiting me your kind letter of April 25th, in which I am assured of the cordial co-operation of the good people of Winnetka in any way in which their assistance may be utilized to the best advantage. It is both gratifying and encouraging to receive offers of assistance such as you have so thoughtfully tendered.

"A plan has been devised whereby the urgent needs of the newly arrived recruits may be met in a most satisfactory manner, by furnishing them with comfort bags containing articles as specified in the enclosed list. I do not know of any single thing that has added so much to the comfort and contentment of the men as these comfort bags, and if you learn of any people in Winnetka who really wish to do something that will be heartily appreciated by our young men, I would suggest that they could perform no more valuable service in contributing to the welfare of the recently arrived recruits than by donating a number of these comfort bags.

"Very sincerely yours,  
"W. A. MOFFETT,  
"Captain, U. S. Navy,  
"Commandant."

### Appreciates Kit.

"Naval Station,  
"Great Lakes.

"My dear Mrs. Martin:

"I received one of those useful little bags presented to us Friday last by Mrs. Noe, and I want to thank you for it, and when you called it a 'comfort bag' you did not make a mistake, as it surely is. I will close, thanking you again.

"Yours truly,  
"Louis Lafleur,  
"Sm. 2nd class."

### Date Changed.

The last one of the series of the current event talks being given by Mrs. Emma F. Adams and Miss Julie Adams at the home of Mrs. William G. Hibbard, Winnetka, will be held at 10:15 o'clock on Thursday, May 31, instead of Wednesday.

### Hobson Speaks.

Captain Richmond P. Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, gave a very interesting lecture at Community house on Tuesday evening, May 15, to a small but very appreciative audience. His subject was "Destroying the Great Destroyer."

### Enlists.

Dr. D. W. Poff has enlisted in the Dental Reserve corps and will wait for orders to active service.