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Our Young Officers.

Fifty-two commissions won by north shore men is evidence of the number and the calibre of the youth which answered the very first call of the country for service. Other men are entered in the second officers' training corps and will swell the north shore's representation among the officers of the new national army soon to be formed.

The families of the north shore have every reason to be proud of the showing which their sons have made in the demand upon good citizenship. Ready response to the call of duty, excellent work in the preparation for service, high standards of duty and high quality of manhood have characterized the young men of this section. It is a record in which to rejoice, even though the time is so serious and many are going out in their prime of young manhood never to return to their homes.

Work for Conscientious Objectors.

The ruling of President Wilson to the effect that men who claim exemption on the grounds of conscientious objection to fighting are to be sent to the army camps there to do work of a non-military character, is just and right and should be as acceptable to sincere objectors on religious grounds as any other work to be done for the country when it needs their help.

Honest men who refuse to fight when the country is calling for men will be glad for the opportunity which is thus given them to show that their scruples are not assumed merely to avoid the sacrifice which is asked of every able-bodied man. They will be glad to be permitted to show that it is a privilege to do whatever may be done without sacrifice of principles, to give up personal convenience and personal comfort, just as the men who are wearing the uniform of the country are doing, to be able to do their bit in a way to show that it is not cowardice masquerading under the cloak of religion which has made them keep out of the ranks of the military organization.

Religious objectors who complain at the decree of the president which sets them at work to do what is necessary to be done and which does not in any way conflict with the principles of their professed faith, will set the seal of insincerity upon their protestations and expose themselves to the contempt of the community.

Hard to Catalogue.

It is hard to catalogue women who are undoubtedly possessed of brains,

who have acquired the position of leadership in a cause as just as that of the political freedom of women, who have enjoyed privileges of education and good breeding, and who act as very naughty children might be expected act, with about the same sense of responsibility for their deeds and the same appreciation of the results of pranks they may commit.

At this time for any woman of sound mind to go through the streets bearing a banner inscribed to "Kaiser Wilson," is a strain upon the public patience which is likely to bring yet more unpleasant results than followed the suffrage activity in Washington recently. It is fortunate for the cause of suffrage that the numbers of those at Washington are limited, else the impression might gain headway that they are a fair example of the womanhood of the country and men be yet more set in their belief in the intellectual inferiority of the feminine mind.

The Army a Melting Pot.

The startling variety of nationality which is betrayed in every list of names of north shore people brings home to us a fact which we are slow to recognize, the cosmopolitan character of our citizenry and the accompanying need which it implies, as a very different sort of community from that which has been considered in years past as the home of the favored of the gods.

Greek and Pole appear in close neighborhood with Scandinavian, German, Scotch, French and Irish. The name which suggests several generations of American citizenship is, indeed, rarer than that which tells the story of late immigration from the central and southern European countries.

America as a melting pot of the old nations of Europe will be represented in the draft army. The community of interest among the men of the army, the enforced intimacy of life in the training camp and later the comradeship of fellow soldiers in the active army at the front, will do more towards eliminating the differences between the men who have recently come to us and those whose families have lived here for several generations than many years of the voluntary segregation of the normal life of the immigrant family. Good may be derived on both sides from such contact. From the men who have sought America as a refuge from oppression and lack of opportunity in their home lands, appreciation of the meaning of liberty and a chance in life in the new country will be gained. From the native American there ought to be such evidence of the principles upon which the country is founded as to increase the devotion of the American of foreign birth and develop a new sense of the privilege and obligation which go with the extension of citizenship.

Regulation Needed Here.

A meatless day and a wheatless day are asked of the people of America in the interests of the distribution of our supply of wheat and meats to our own people and the nations at war with us against Germany to supplement the product of their own lands. Many people, even at this time when we have not in any measure sensed the war, have instituted meals or days in which the articles which it is desired to save are not served. Many others will come to that degree of helpfulness as the time draws nearer for the sending of large bodies of our men to foreign shores, and the actual presence of war begins to be felt.

One thing is essential, however, if

there is to be that co-operation between households and the office of the food administration that is desired and desirable. There must be a regulation of the price of those foods which are used as substitutes for meat and wheat,—milk and eggs, and cheese, and those other cereals which must take the place of the white flour in the dietary of those who seek to observe the recommendation of the administrator. Milk at 12½c a quart, and eggs at the prices which were demanded last winter, are beyond the power of the purse of the modest household. Manipulation and profiteering are to be suspected of both, and the attention of the food administrator's office is much to be recommended.

Our Trees.

With the Tussock moth devastating the beautiful elms of the north shore and the cottony scale taking toll of the maples, with the squirrels destroying the eggs and the young birds in their nests, and frightening the adult birds from the trees, there seems little encouragement to hope for the continuance of the lovely avenues which are now the pride of this community.

The problem of caring for the trees is an individual matter. There is no municipal jurisdiction over the growth on the property of the individual citizen, and no authority for the expenditure of public money where there is privilege of doing preventive work upon the trees. Every householder must look to his own property, must watch his own trees for signs of invasion and do what is requisite to destroy the pest. If everyone were to do this, the problem of our trees would be met, but the present apparent indifference to the welfare of the elms and the maples, does not offer promise of an assumption of the responsibility by the majority of residents of the north shore.

They Get the Idea.

The human mind is capable of taking in only comparatively small numbers. When figures run up into the high denominations, it matters little to the average person how many ciphers are written to the right of the digit. The idea conveyed is simply one of magnitude. Boards of health tell us every year the exact number of the progeny of a fly, if no accident happens to cut off the lives of any. We cannot think in billions of flies, but we know that it is too many to allow to live comfortably with us and so we swat whenever the opportunity offers.

We cannot grasp the figures which are offered to us in the matter of food conservation. The saving of so many millions of ounces of butter by the abstinence of each citizen from using quite as much as he normally would cannot be translated by the housewife into a definite idea of neat pound pats of butter, but she gets the idea that a little saving here and there amounts to great saving in the aggregate, and so she skimps a spoonful in the dishes which she prepares for the table, she cuts the pats a little smaller, knowing that if every woman does the same small bit, there will be a more even distribution of fat throughout the nation and throughout the year. It is not the exact figure which counts with the women to make them heedful of the little wasteful habits of the household, but the insistence upon the greatness of the aggregate when every household wastes or saves its little.

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NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

Winnetka, Ill., Aug. 24, 1917.
Notice is hereby given that the contract for the construction of the following improvement:
The construction of a Portland cement concrete sidewalk, five (5) feet four (4) inches in width, five (5) inches thick at the center and four (4) inches thick at the edges, laid in six (6) inches of cinders, including all excavation, grading, embankments and filling on the easterly frontage of lot twenty-three (23) of County Clerk's Division of part of the Southeast quarter of Section Seventeen (17), Township Forty-two (42) North, Range Thirteen (13), East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the Village of Winnetka, County of Cook and State of Illinois, said improvement being otherwise known as Winnetka Special Assessment No. 250, was awarded on August 21st, 1917, to Allen W. Wylie, of Winnetka, Illinois, for the sum of Fifty-one Dollars (\$51.00).

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bids for the construction of an Air Compressor Plant in Sheridan Road approximately eighteen hundred (1800) feet northwesterly as measured along the center line of Sheridan Road from the north line extended of North Avenue, the proposed Air Compressor Plant operate the present sewer ejectors now located in said Sheridan Road approximately eighteen hundred (1800) feet northwesterly as measured along the center line of Sheridan Road from the north line extended of North Avenue, including connections, wooden frame building for compressor plant, concrete passageway between ejectors and compressor, adjusting present connections and ejectors, machinery appurtenances, in the Hubbard Woods Subdivision of the Village of Winnetka, County of Cook and State of Illinois, said improvement being otherwise known as Winnetka Special Assessment No. 268, in accordance with the ordinance heretofore passed therefor, will be received by the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Winnetka by or before eight o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, the fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, at which hour all bids will be opened at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall, the said Village of Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois.

The specifications of said improvement are on file in the office of the Clerk of said Village of Winnetka. Contractors will be paid in bond bearing interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum for all estimates approved by the Board of Local Improvements in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and over from the second and subsequent installments of said Special Assessment, and when the amount of balance due on any estimate is more than the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and no further bonds may be issued against the second and subsequent installments of said Special Assessment, and when the amount of balance due on any estimate is less than the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), the same will be paid by time warrants.

In addition to the usual bond for construction and maintenance in the sum equal to the amount of the bid accepted by the Board of Local Improvements, the successful bidder will be required to furnish an indemnity and defense policy in some reliable company, indemnifying the Village of Winnetka against loss from liability for damages on account of injury or death suffered by reason of the performance of the work required to be performed by the said contractor, by any person or persons, including such liability imposed under the employers' liability and workmen's compensation law of the State of Illinois, and the amendments thereof, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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