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LOCAL MEN PICKED FOR DRAFT SCHOOL

Camp Grant Officials Will Give Honor Men Instructions in Officers' School at Rockford.

ARMY NEEDS NON-COMS

Many Men of District No. 3 Selected for New Courses.

Parents of Wilmette boys in training at Camp Grant need not fear that their sons will not have an opportunity to advance in the service. Never before has an army been organized where there is such a demand for officers as there is in the first national army.

The first officers' training camps applied the army with sufficient commissioned officers to direct the work of training for the men now in training, but even the supply of commissioned officers from the second officers' training camps will not produce as many as the army will need when the complete draft quota of the country is mobilized.

Need Non-Coms.

Even now the lack of non-commissioned officers is one of the problems worrying the men in charge of the various regiments. At Camp Grant alone 400 non-coms were sent in to officer the squads and companies, but from the very first it was necessary to name temporary corporals and sergeants from the selected men to fill the lower offices, this, in many cases, being done after the selected men had been in camp but a day or two.

The artillery regiments have felt the shortage more than the other branches of the service, as the artillery work is more intricate and takes a higher grade of men to instruct than is true with the infantry.

Non-Com School.

To overcome the shortage of lower officers, Col. Phillip R. Ward, commander of the 333d field artillery regiment, has decided upon opening a school for non-coms, and he has obtained the approval of General Barry. These men will undergo a six weeks' course of intensive training, such as given in the officers' training camps. During the life of the school they will have very little to do outside of their studies. In battery E, which is composed exclusively of north shore men, twenty-six have been selected for this special work. Besides the course of studies, there will be lectures by the officers of the highest rank in the regiment. Those who make good in the school probably will be selected for appointment to the third officers' training camp, the personnel of which will be composed mostly from the national army.

The north shore men of Battery E, recommended by Lieut. Richard Bull, battery commander, for the non-com school are Ames, Watson, Tyrrell, Walters, White, Ailing, H. C. Anderson, G. M. Anderson, Bunce, Brunson, Clappitt, Branch, Duncan, Duguid, Curtis, Doble, Hellstrom, Huntington, Hutchinson, Jordan, Kelley, Lasher, Leatsch, Lange, Marxsen, Richardson, Rose, Ross, Robertson, Slown, Taylor, Traxler and Turner.

There is abundance of material in Camp Grant from which to create officers for the Eighty-sixth division before it starts for France.

That is the conclusion at headquarters following the compilation of the first statistics taken from the biographical cards of the 27,202 selected men. More officers will be needed and the war department has announced they will be chosen from the ranks.

The cards of 12,588 enlisted men so far examined showed 234 of the men are college graduates and that 969 per cent are graduates of high schools or their equivalent. If the ratio continues, as is expected, the final tabulation will show more than 2,500 high school graduates.

"Of course," said Maj. Paul C. Hunt, "a man doesn't have to be a high school graduate to win a commission. Many without that advantage will win."

MRS. B. E. JACQUES TO SPEAK AT LOCAL CLUB

The program for the next meeting of the Winnetka Woman's club will be in charge of the art and literature committee. The meeting will be held Thursday afternoon, October 18, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Bertha E. Jacques, secretary of the Chicago Society of Etchers, will speak. Mrs. Jacques is an etcher of experience and an authority on the subject of "Etching," and in her lecture at the Woman's club she will include a detailed description of the process of making an etching and the printing of an etched plate.

The art and literature committee requests to have all the members of the Woman's club who are intending to attend the first gallery talk on "American Paintings" at the Art Institute to send their names to Mrs. E. N. Rhodes. The program has been announced for next week, and final arrangements for the entertainment cannot be made unless the committee has the names of twenty-five members and their friends.

MRS. I. C. WOOD RESIGNS FROM DEFENSE COUNCIL

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood, 1154 Pine street, one of the best known women welfare workers in the country, resigned last week as executive secretary of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense, the ostensible reason being her acceptance of a directorship of the Elizabeth McCormick Institute in Chicago.

The woman's auxiliary to the defense council was launched to encourage every woman in the country with the government's prosecution of the war. To this end, Mrs. Wood lent her efforts, devoting particular attention to the organization of state branches of the auxiliary. Mrs. Wood will return to Winnetka this week.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL IN MOUNTAINS

North Carolina's mountains are being searched in an effort to find Miss Grace Stewart Potter, who has a number of relatives on the north shore. Two years ago Miss Potter disappeared from Chicago, and after a nine days' search along the north shore, she appeared at the home of Mrs. Scott Durand in Lake Bluff.

Winnetka people were greatly interested in the search for Miss Potter two years ago, when two of the books which she carried from her Chicago home were found on the lake shore at the foot of Pine street. Miss Potter disappeared from a sanitarium in South Carolina, October 1.

BENEFIT DANCE WILL BE HELD AT WOMAN'S CLUB

The Royal Neighbors of America will hold a benefit dance on Thursday, October 18, at the Winnetka Woman's club. The proceeds of the dance will go to a fund to be used by Donald Knox, a Winnetka boy, for medical treatment at a sanitarium.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the dance includes Mrs. E. E. Adams, chairman; Mrs. Cora L. Thorsen, Mrs. A. Pearson and Mrs. Alice Blackstone. Subscriptions will be received by this committee, providing you are unable to attend the dance.

ILLINOIS MEN GIVEN HONORS IN NEW YORK

The Rainbow division, 27,000 strong, paraded in review on the Mineola Fair grounds in New York on Sunday before Maj. Gen. W. A. Mann, the division's commander, and 50,000 spectators, including United States Senator Oscar W. Underwood.

Press dispatches stated that Col. Henry J. Reilly's One Hundred and Forty-ninth regiment had a shade on the rest of the brigade, which places them first, so far as the honors of the review were concerned. Many boys of the north shore are in the Winnetka officer's regiment.

Elm Circle.

The East Elm Street circle will meet with Mrs. Charles M. Thomson, 576 Ash street, on Tuesday, October 16, at 2:30 o'clock.

BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO SELL SECOND BONDS

Woman's Club Committee and Census Committee of War Emergency Union to Direct Canvass.

NAME DISTRICT CHIEFS

Village Is Divided in Sections for the Big Campaign.

Liberty bond workers are now organized for a complete canvass of Winnetka and Hubbard Woods which will start this week by a large committee of men and women. The canvass will be directed by captains, and each captain will have a certain number of solicitors assigned to his division. The solicitors have spent considerable time in studying the bond question in order to be able to answer all inquiries regarding this issue of Liberty bonds.

The meeting of the Liberty bond solicitors at the Community House, on Monday evening, October 8, was addressed by Mr. William S. Miller. There were over seventy-five members of the civics and philanthropy committee of the Winnetka Woman's club present. Mrs. Allan I. Wolfe is the chairman of this committee.

The canvass of the village is to be made under the direction of the civics and philanthropy committee of the Woman's club, and of the census committee of the War Emergency Union. The purpose of the canvass is to give every man, woman and child, through personal solicitation, the privilege of subscribing to this second issue of the liberty bonds.

The men and women who are assisting in this work have been supplied with subscription blanks and sufficient information to overcome any reason that may be put up as to why the individual should not enter a subscription, if any such individual can be found.

The banks of Winnetka have generously offered their co-operation in this canvass, and they will do all in their power to assist the committees working to boost this bond issue. The banks will accept subscriptions for bonds to be paid for on the installment plan, and they will also keep bonds in their vaults upon the request of a subscriber who has no facility of safeguarding them.

The plan inaugurated by the Chicago banks, which is to be followed as closely as possible by the Winnetka banks, is the plan to accept the subscription for a fifty dollar bond with the payment of one dollar and the buyer is permitted to pay for the bond by paying the bank two dollars a week for twenty-five weeks.

On the bulletin board of the Winnetka War Emergency Union at the Chicago & North Western Railway station a map, has been posted, on which his kept, from day to day, a record of the number of subscriptions received in the village, according to districts. It is hoped that this bulletin board will help promote a friendly rivalry between the captains in charge of the districts, and this will swell the subscription list for bonds in Winnetka.

EVENING CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN IN WINNETKA

The members of the Winnetka Friendship circle will include class work as part of their evening programs for the coming season. The first classes will be held next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

This organization is to promote entertainments for girls who are working in Winnetka, and every girl is welcome to attend these meetings and take part in the circle's program this winter.

The classes, which were conducted by Mrs. Frederick Copeland under the auspices of the Red Cross this summer, will be continued during the winter months. The membership list in these classes is made up mostly of girls working in the village. The first meeting for this season will be held Tuesday evening at the Community house, and girls who can knit will be provided with wool to help in the war work of this society.

WINNETKA MEN WANTED IN NEW ARMY SERVICE

Capt. Lathrop Collins, 1239 Scott avenue, will have charge of the recruiting in Winnetka for the newest and most interesting branch of the army. The new branch of the service is for the purpose of making observations from captive balloons.

To the men who were unable to gain admission in the officers' training camps, for one reason or another, have this new opportunity of being of service to the United States. The government wants men of the calibre of officers, between the ages of 25 and 35 years. The lowest rank in this service is first lieutenant, with pay of \$2,000 per year and fifty per cent extra when in active service.

Capt. Collins, who is the local branch chairman of the Military Training Camps association, will furnish applications to local men desiring to get into this service, and information concerning this division will be given.

WINNETKA WOMAN SEES MEMBERS OF THE 149TH

Mrs. George Hufton, Provident avenue, returned last week from New York, where she has been visiting her son, George Hufton, Jr. He is a corporal with Col. Reilly's 149th Regiment, stationed at Camp Mills, Garden City, L. I.

Mrs. Hufton reports that all the Winnetka boys, members of this prize division, are in the best of spirits while stationed in the east waiting for sailing orders.

During Mrs. Hufton's visit to the camp one afternoon, Harry Smith of Winnetka was the envy of all the boys. He had received a beautiful and warm sweater coat from a young woman "somewhere in Winnetka." The way the men in the military camps appreciate gifts from home is beyond description, according to Mrs. Hufton's reports.

NIGHT SCHOOL WILL BE HELD FOR FOREIGNERS

A free night school for foreigners will be opened at the Horace Mann school on Monday evening, October 15, at 8 o'clock. The school will be in session three nights a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for twelve weeks.

The purpose of this school is to teach foreigners to read, write and speak English. There will also be instruction in certain matters pertaining to citizenship, taking out of citizen papers and the advantages derived from such steps.

Mr. Francis I. Walker of New Trier High school, a member of the English department, will have charge of the school.

GIVE MILITARY DINNER FOR RESERVE OFFICERS

Capt. Lathrop Collins, 1239 Scott avenue, gave a military dinner Monday evening to the mustering officers of the 1st Regiment of the Illinois Reserve Militia.

Among the guests were Major Lucius A. Hine, Capt. Walter T. Stockton, Lieut. W. Spencer Crosby, Jr., and Lieut. Noble Eberhart. The dinner was given at Capt. Collins' home in Hubbard Woods.

ART CLASSES ARE HELD AT CLUB ON SATURDAYS

The Art Institute of Chicago opened its extension school for drawing and design, Saturday, October 6, at the Winnetka Woman's club.

The classes meet every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock. The classes are open to adults as well as children, and a small fee is charged for the course of instruction. Miss Mathilde Klemm is in charge of the classes.

Lincoln Circle.

The Lincoln Avenue circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Misses Gemmell, 812 Lincoln avenue, on Monday, October 15, at 2:30 o'clock.

Willow Circle.

The East Willow Street circle will meet at the home of Mrs. J. V. Stixrud, 607 Willow street, on Tuesday, October 16, at 2:30 o'clock.

REPORT GIVES R. R. ADVANCE IN FARES

North Shore Authorities Receive Report from Men Appointed to Investigate Raise.

NEW RESTRICTIONS MADE

Committee Reserves Right to Recall Decision.

The various counsel for the north shore municipalities have submitted a report to the Public Utilities committee of the Association of North Shore Municipalities, which is a synopsis of the findings of the Public Utilities Commission relative to the application of the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Electric Railway for advancing their passenger rates.

An increase of rates was allowed the company and the new rate schedule will net them approximately 5.6 per cent on their investment, according to the counsel for the municipalities.

Following is the report of the results of the hearing:

On September 5, 1917, the Public Utilities Commission handed down its decision, consisting of 110 typewritten pages, in the matter of the petition of the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Electric Railroad company for an increase in rates.

Under all of the circumstances, we regard the decision as eminently satisfactory to the municipalities.

Throughout the hearing the municipalities labored under many disadvantages, with which your committee is already familiar. The railroad company had the assistance of its own corps of accountants and engineers, and in addition employed a number of high-priced experts, all of whom had made careful studies with reference to the properties and the books and data pertaining thereto, before the trial. On our side, there were about fifteen municipalities. The attorneys for some of these did not appear at all; the attorneys for others appeared only occasionally, while a few attended practically all of the hearings. This threw an unjust burden upon the few who did attend the trial and they were obliged to get along without any expert testimony or assistance until a short time before the end of the hearing, when a few hundred dollars was appropriated by some of the municipalities and expert advice secured. Of course no attempt was made to have a valuation prepared or the books of account examined by the municipalities.

However, the defense which we were able to make resulted not only in keeping the rates within reasonable limits, but in obtaining a number of findings by the commission which will be of value in any future rate litigation with this company.

The findings to which we refer are as follows:

1. The company claimed for its properties in Illinois a valuation of something over \$7,000,000. The value fixed by the commission is \$5,100,000, or over \$2,000,000 below that claimed by the company.

This reduction was secured in the following manner:

(a) By the elimination of large tracts of land purchased by the road for its right-of-way, but not now used or useful in its operation.

(b) The elimination of other large tracts, such as the Libertyville gravel pit, which do not form part of the operating unit.

(c) A finding that the company is not entitled to appreciation in land values. On this subject we succeeded in establishing a rule which we believe is new in Illinois, that a railroad is a public highway, exercising the right of eminent domain and deriving its powers and privileges from the public, and that there is no more reason why it should be permitted to increase its rates because the value of adjacent property has appreciated, than there is that charges for the use of other public highways should be fixed upon that basis.

(d) The exclusion of the so-called west side line, extending from Lake Bluff to North Chicago, and the elim-

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