

WINNETKA WOMAN IS GIVEN STATE HONOR

Mrs. Florence Kiper Frank Divides First Prize in Illinois Patriotic Poetry Contest.

NORTH SHORE WOMEN WIN

Miss Mary E. Quayle of Wilmette Shares Honors with Mrs. Frank.

The honors in the patriotic poetry contest of the Chicago Woman's club were shared by two north shore women last week. Miss Mary E. Quayle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Quayle, 38 Crescent place, Wilmette, and Mrs. Florence Kiper Frank, 1168 Hamptondale road, Winnetka, received the first prize of fifty dollars.

"The club offered a first prize of fifty dollars," said Mrs. V. K. Spicer, chairman of the contest committee, but it happened that there was really no choice between Miss Quayle's and Mrs. Frank's contributions. Both are excellent, so we were obliged to divide the prize and give each the sum of twenty-five dollars."

Miss Quayle's poem is called "America at War." Miss Quayle is junior at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Frank's poem is called "America Beloved." Mrs. Frank is a graduate of the University of Chicago.

The contest was limited to the state of Illinois, and many towns were represented in the contest list. The second prizes were awarded Mrs. Helen Coale Crew of Evanson and John S. Hobson of Chicago. The following poems divided the prize:

AMERICA BELOVED.

By Florence Kiper Frank.

Village by village they are gathered,
 farmhouse by farmhouse!
 The summons touches out in the
 night and reaches them,
 reaches them in high cities—
 America is marching!
 And endlessly over my heart they are
 marching
 and the thunder of it is in my ears
 reverberating,
 marching,
 marching,
 the young men of America.

They are going—where?
 What dim event moves them,
 the hope of what ending?
 He earth his riven,
 even and shaken,
 the marching sun moves in the sky
 to some large endeavor,
 in the heavens the windy moon
 strives,
 the prairies are shaken.
 Marching, relentlessly, forever—
 Whither?

What word?
 Gather up your meaning!
 Passionate, far-flung land, gather up
 your meaning!
 I vivid, beloved, flame with your mean-
 ing!
 The oceans wait.
 Hundreds of a people are about us.
 South over the fra-flung land is
 reaching.
 What is the song of their coming?
 What is the song of their coming?
 All as with trumpets,
 all as with the blare of many
 trumpets,
 speak from the mountain tops,
 shout out of the thunders,
 America!

AMERICA AT WAR.

By Mary E. Quayle.

America, the time at last is here—
 the testing. Rank on rank the surges
 rise
 the wind drives pale clouds across
 the skies.
 All changing and increasing year by
 year,
 the ancient forms of right and
 wrong appear,
 the pagan justice and long sacrifice
 crown cold upon the altar, or there
 dies
 the wrong repented. Myriads draw
 near
 the magic glow of promise. Power
 above
 who gave our land the name of lib-
 erty,
 would put factions down and by
 thy love
 how perfect in the testing. We
 would see
 the phoenixlike from ashes of the
 past,
 white Freedom, that shall wear the
 crown at last.

"Rout the Rat"

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There is as much—perhaps more—need for routing the rat than for "swatting the fly." Flies transmit disease. Rats not only spread disease but leave a costly trail of destruction.

Probably 200,000 men in the United States are devoting their energies and time to feeding rats. Of this number 15,000 are farmers who are giving their farms, agricultural implements and other equipment to supply the foods annually consumed by rats.

So says Edward W. Nelson, chief of the United States Biological Survey, in pointing out the rate menace at a time when every ounce of food is vital. He says the actual money loss by rats is \$200,000,000 a year.

In Iowa, one farmer lost 500 bushels of corn out of a crib containing 2,000. The Virginia commissioner of health says that in parts of his state rats have destroyed seventy-five per cent of the poultry and ten per cent of growing crops. A Louisville milling company estimates that rats cause a loss of \$3,000 a year to sacks alone, not to speak of the huge damage done to the contents.

Cribs, bins, any place where food is stored, should be made rat-proof. This should be done thoroughly to be effective. The best results are obtained when bodies of men and women co-operate by communities. As a general rule the measures for extermination of rats should provide for these things:

A campaign of trapping and poisoning; rat-proofing of all buildings, old or new; removal of harboring wooden sidewalks and garbage dumps; screening or enclosing of all garbage and waste upon which rats may feed; rat-proofing and frequent inspection of market places and public buildings.

Start a "Rout the Rat" campaign in your neighborhood.

W. A. C. Loses.

The Wilmette A. C. lost to the Drake A. C. of Chicago, 19 to 0, in a hard fought football game at the Terminal athletic field, Sunday. The local eleven has booked the Edgewater Grays of Chicago for next Sunday for 3 o'clock.

Community Dance.

The regular Wednesday evening community dance was held at the Central school last night. These dances will be held each week during the winter season. Mr. H. M. Bachman, 1249 Hill street, is in charge of the dances this year.

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garments and would like volunteers to take them home and finish them.

Mrs. Eisendrath, as chairman of the Horace Mann and New Trier schools war work, is very efficiently directing the sewing which is being done by the children and supplying them with material. Twenty baby kits to be sent to Dr. Brown are now about finished for October work.

The children in the juvenile auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. Stephen Foster, have done a tremendous piece of work. This group is composed of children from six to sixteen years of age. They have had a variety of occupations. They have knitted wool baby bonnets, have made into mittens, socks, caps, etc., all scraps left from Red Cross garments. Have made wash cloths and have packed Christmas bags and made gauze dressings.

It would have been impossible to carry on this work if it had not been for the generous help of the shipping committee, directed by Mrs. de Windt. All the material used in making gauze dressings and garments has been carried to Winnetka by auto to save express, and in the same way all finished articles have been returned to headquarters. Not a day passes without packages being either fetched or carried.

The War shop is indebted to Mrs. Otis for making a Red Cross flag, which now marks the headquarters. Also to Mrs. Howe who has had a sign painted and erected.

A gift was made this month of \$500 to the Red Cross work by Miss Strickwald, through Mrs. Boyles. Mrs. John R. Montgomery has been a most efficient treasurer of all war work funds for three years.

By Mrs. Clarence T. Morse.

During the month of October the Winnetka comforts committee of the Navy league has made and distributed 54 unfilled comfort bags and 54 unfilled housewives (to the Chicago section of the league, to be filled by them), 30 unfilled kits for filling by individual contribution, 2 filled kits, 16 sweaters, 6 helmets, 6 pairs of wristlets, 3 scarfs, 2 pairs of socks and 30 pairs of flannel bed socks. These last were made for boys on the Luzon, who sleep on deck during cruises up in the bitterly cold Lake Superior region.


The work during the past month has suffered somewhat because of a necessary change in one of the regular days of meeting. Also from a misapprehension on the part of some of the workers who, thinking the Winnetka branch part of the Chicago section of the Navy league, believed that it went out of existence when the Chicago section dissolved. It has retained its identity as a com-

forts committee of the Navy league. This has necessitated the finding of different channels of distribution from those formerly employed, and interfered to some extent with a prompt disposal of finished work. The question has now been solved, and the need for their activities increasing constantly rather than diminishing, the committee hopes for generous aid from Winnetka this winter, in their efforts to raise funds, and in

their need for a larger regular attendance at the meetings. Above all, for a greater number of knitters.

No one need to feel that she cannot knit for lack of wool, for Mrs. Martin has established for those who do not feel that they can afford to buy their wool a permanent free wool fund. Contributions to this fund will be received most gratefully.

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