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LOCAL MEN RECEIVE ARMY COMMISSIONS

Second Reserve Officers' Training Camp Closed Tuesday with the Graduation of Candidates.

PORT SHERIDAN LEADS

North Shore Encampment Is Most Successful of U. S. Schools.

The Second Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Fort Sheridan ended its official existence, and commissions were awarded to 2,907 of the 3,409 candidates on Tuesday. The commissions, greater numerically than in any of the eight other training camps, include all ranks from second lieutenant to major in the infantry, field artillery and signal corps service.

All the men commissioned, six majors, 132 captains, 1,224 first lieutenants and 1,545 second lieutenants, will be assigned to army units at once. None will be sent home to await the call to active service, but all will join their regiments December 15.

Earn Commissions.

Twelve candidates for commissions from the towns of this district were given shoulder straps. Seven of the ten received commissions of second lieutenant and five of the candidates received the commission of first lieutenant. The men receiving commissions were:

Alanson Follansbee, Winnetka, first lieutenant, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps.

J. D. Matz, Winnetka, first lieutenant, Field Artillery.

H. J. Hurlbut, Wilmette, second lieutenant, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps.

H. V. Taylor, Kenilworth, second lieutenant, Field Artillery.

A. H. Kuhn, Winnetka, second lieutenant, Field Artillery.

L. B. Modica, Hubbard Woods, second lieutenant, Field Artillery.

C. D. Budd, Jr., Glencoe, second lieutenant, Field Artillery.

L. J. Cahn, Glencoe, second lieutenant, Infantry.

J. S. Edwards, Glencoe, second lieutenant, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps.

J. B. Boddie, 835 Fifteenth street, Wilmette, first lieutenant, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps.

R. M. McCullough, 923 Elmwood avenue, Wilmette, first lieutenant, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps.

Arthur W. Burnham, Glenview, first lieutenant, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps.

Lead Other Camps.

Fort Sheridan training camp for reserve officers and candidates for commission in the army of the United States, during the second encampment, has proved the most successful of the nine officers' training camps of the nation. Under the leadership of Colonel James A. Ryan it has turned out the largest number of commissioned officers, with the largest percentage of those enrolled passing the tests for supremacy successfully, and with the largest record of work accomplished to its credit.

The three months of camp has given the men the equivalent in actual military experience and training, both in drill and study, of two years in the regular army and of seven years in the militia. A force of more than one hundred officers and instructors, headed by Lieutenant Colonel Stacey, has put them through every possible phase of soldier work, from company drill to map making and trench warfare.

Third Camp.

There is still hope for a third reserve officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan.

The War Department has given no indication to Colonel Ryan or to anyone else that it will change its original ruling to abandon the nine officers' training camps and establish new officers' training camps at the national encampments, but the force of nearly 100 commissioned officers under Lieut. Col. Stacey have not received any order from Washington of assignment elsewhere, and Colonel Ryan, camp commander, is still without word as to what disposition will be made of him.

ARMY OFFICIALS ISSUE WARNING ON EXEMPTION

Brigadier General L. W. V. Kennon is in command of the Eighty-sixth Division at Camp Grant, succeeding Major General Thomas Barry, who was ordered to report to Washington this week.

Major General Barry has been in command of the Eighty-sixth Division since the cantonment was started until Monday, and the news of his transfer came as a complete surprise. He was formerly commander of the Central Department, with headquarters in Chicago.

The following memorandum circular has been sent out by the headquarters of the Eighty-sixth division of the National Army to protect the men in Camp Grant and their friends and families against the methods a number of lawyers and agents are using in creating business. The order was issued by command of Major General Barry and under the direction of Adj. General Heistand. The circular reads as follows:

"1. Numbers of letters have been received at Division Headquarters from lawyers, agents and other officials, in behalf of selected men within the camp, for the purpose of securing discharge, transfer, or other favor on account of health, nationality or other reason through which these men feel themselves entitled to the favor which they seek.

"2. This entails a useless and unnecessary expense on the part of these men and their families.

"3. A direct application by the man to his organization commander, with a clean statement of circumstances, will always be received with as much consideration as any application from an attorney, and will save the man from needless expense to which he or his family would be subjected otherwise.

"4. Such cases are always judged on their absolute merits after careful and searching investigation, and the methods of presentation has no bearing whatever on the final decision.

"5. There is no such thing as an authorized outside agency in handling military cases, and all members of this command, their families and friends, are warned against the advance or proposal of any person, firm or agency advertising or posing in such capacity."

TRUSTEES GIVE LOCAL COMPANY ROAD PERMIT

The members of the village board granted the Skokie Mushroom Cellars company a permit to construct a suitable road at the end of North avenue in Winnetka at a recent meeting. The road is to be constructed under the supervision of H. L. Woolhiser, village manager.

Materials are to be furnished by the company and they have been granted permission to use such equipment belonging to the village as is necessary for their work. The trustees also voted to have sheds and fences built for the proper housing of equipment owned by the village. The total cost for the construction of these buildings and fences is estimated at \$1,200.

NORTH SHORE BOY HURT IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT

William O'Connell, 13 years old, son of Mr. Martin J. O'Connell, 907 Central avenue, is probably fatally injured as the result of a fall from a car of a train on the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Electric railway last Sunday afternoon. The accident happened between the Cherry and Oak and the Elm Street stations in Winnetka.

The boy was taken to the Evanston hospital following the accident. Doctors attending young O'Connell say that it might be possible that the boy may be suffering from a fractured skull.

Service Flag.

The members of the Winnetka Volunteer Training corps celebrated Thanksgiving morning at Elm and Linden streets at the public raising of a service flag for the village of Winnetka. The flag was presented to the village by the War Emergency Union, with 155 stars on the white field.

LOYAL

New Trier Board of Education Issues Statement Concerning Story About Teacher

The Board of Education of New Trier Township High school, because of an incident which has lately been given a great deal of publicity and misrepresentation, makes the following statement:

"Miss Caroline M. Shoch has been for the last two and one-half years an efficient and conscientious teacher in the school, loyal to its standards and ideals. The board is glad to take this occasion to affirm, upon careful investigation, its belief in her loyalty to the government of the United States. We find that the facts in connection with this incident are as follows:

"On Wednesday morning, December 21, at the time of the convening of the students of the high school in general assembly, Mrs. Peat, wife of Private Peat, gave a very stirring patriotic address of unusual power. During the exercises the school sang 'America' and the 'Star Spangled Banner' and gave the Boy Scout pledge of loyalty to the flag. On these three occasions, by standing and participating, Miss Schoch gave the same evidence of loyalty as did the other members of the school and faculty. When the students are dismissed from the building after general assembly, students in the main body of the house are dismissed first, and those in the gallery and under the gallery have been instructed to remain seated until their companions have moved out of the building. This ruling has been made to avoid congestion at the door and sidewalks.

"It develops that the principal dismissed the main body of students after Mrs. Peat's address, and they immediately started to leave the building. It has been the custom to have a march played as the students leave the building to facilitate their exit, and this march has been one of the school songs. On Wednesday after the students had been dismissed the 'Star Spangled Banner' was played again as the students marched out, whereupon most of the students under the gallery arose. Miss Schoch, thinking they were getting up in the seats around her contrary to the rules of the school and not recognizing that the 'Star Spangled Banner' was being played again, remained seated as did some of the other teachers. Very shortly she did recognize what was being played and arose in her place and remained standing until the pupils under the gallery were dismissed.

"Signed by order of the Board of Education,

"New Trier Township High School,
"Ruth W. Porter, President."

FILM STARS BILLED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSE SHOWS

By the Committee.

As so many requests have come to us asking that we might have some of the well-known actors and actresses more often here at Community house, arrangements have been made to run a series of the plays released by some of the very greatest stars on the screen. Hereafter only such stars as Mary Pickford, Marguerite Clark, Douglas Fairbanks and William S. Hart will be shown.

This, of course, necessitates an increase in the cost of the films and if the people of Winnetka wish us to be able to continue this type of picture and to keep up the standard which we have set for ourselves it will be necessary that we have a regular attending, large audience.

As an educational center we do not come under the war tax, nevertheless many have expressed themselves as willing to show their patriotism and loyalty by paying this small tax. It has been decided to change the price of admission to fifteen cents, two cents to cover the war tax and three cents to help defray the increased cost of the film.

Returns from Cornell.

Mr. Sidney Strotz returned from Cornell university for Thanksgiving and the week-end.

WINNETKA PEOPLE ARE ASKED TO BUY SEALS

A recruiting campaign for 30,000,000 pennies for war service began throughout Illinois Monday, November 26. The money is to be used to conserve the man power of the state. The minimum quota of pennies has been set for each county at five times its population. The "target" or maximum quota for each county is fifteen pennies for each man, woman and child. For each penny raised in each county a receipt will be given in the form of the 1517 edition of the Red Cross Christmas Seal. Contributors of pennies to this war fund, thus becoming the purchasers of Red Cross Seals, are invited to use the seals to add a bit of holiday good cheer to their December letters, postcards and packages.

All of the funds raised during the campaign are to be used in fighting tuberculosis in America. Since the war began in Europe, tuberculosis has increased so rapidly that it has now become the chief medical problem of the war aside from the treatment of soldiers wounded in battle. More than 200,000 French soldiers have been stricken with the disease; hospitals in England have been unable to care for thousands of British soldiers sent back from the front with tuberculosis, and similar conditions prevail in other countries.

The necessity for increased work against tuberculosis in America was emphasized last week when thirty American soldiers from General Pershing's army reached New York on sick leave. Most of them had tuberculosis. News concerning this was sent back from the front by Miss Mary Kennedy, an Illinois nurse en route to France.

The Illinois State Department of Health has reported that returns from the exemption boards show that more than five per cent of the Illinois men examined for service in the national army were rejected because of tuberculosis. The War Council, which is directing the Red Cross campaign in Illinois, has announced that plans for a far-reaching program of anti-tuberculosis work will be made in every Illinois county with funds derived from the sale of seals.

WINNETKA PEOPLE WILL SEND MONEY TO FRANCE

Miss M. L. Yates will sail for France to assist Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown in directing the relief work among the French women and children in the northern districts of France. Miss Yates is being sent to France under the auspices of the American Fund for French Wounded, of which Mrs. Russel Tyson is chairman of the Chicago branch.

A fund is being raised in Winnetka to support the dispensaries which are being established by Dr. Brown in France. Subscriptions to this fund are being received by Mrs. John R. Montgomery of Green Bay road, Hubbard Woods.

WOOLHISER ATTENDED DETROIT CONVENTION

H. L. Woolhiser, village manager, attended the national convention of the City Managers' association, which was held at Detroit, Mich., last week. The National Municipal league held its convention in the Michigan city at the same time.

Reports read at the convention indicate that a number of the larger cities are to adopt the commission plan of managing their business, according to Mr. Woolhiser. Among the larger cities considering this plan of conducting their business are Cleveland, O., Troy, N. Y., and Santa Barbara, Cal. At the present time there are one hundred cities operating under the plan.

Dancing Party.

A dancing party for the jacksies will be held at the Community house tomorrow. The committee in charge of the dancing program is making arrangements to entertain 150 jacksies from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Payne Enlists.

Frank Payne, son of Dr. Jesse D. Payne of Prospect avenue, has joined the aviation service and will leave for Cornell about December 15.

HOLIDAY PAGEANT IS STAGED IN WINNETKA

Seven Hundred Children Participate in Thanksgiving Pageant at the Community House.

PLAN SECOND PROGRAM

Food Lectures By the Teachers of Grade Schools Are Announced.

By Otis A. Skinner.

Many Winnetka parents are very grateful to Mr. E. N. Rhodes and our Winnetka school teachers, who have transformed the struggling question of "Food Conservation" into "Food Inspiration." Quietly but surely throughout the grades, the world-old, world-wide subject of "Food" is being taught with a wisdom and a vision which is not only inspiring the children to "do their bit" in the present crisis, but it is preparing them to take a more intelligent place in a business world of economics or in the management of a household, and it is laying the foundation for that spirit of internationalism which we are so anxious to develop in the rising generation.

A striking illustration of this food work was the beautiful pageant entitled "Food Conservation," which the teachers created as the patriotic Thanksgiving celebration of our 700 school children. The story of the pageant was written by Miss Edna Keith. With the genius of true art the theme was developed as simply as if it had been written by the children themselves.

The scene opens with "Starvation" lying prostrate in the very sight of the "lavish table" and "full garbage pail." The children then volunteer to help "Starvation" by sharing their sugar and butter. In the next scene two children are crowding all their sugar candies into the "conservation barrel" to be sent abroad. And in the next scene two children visit the home of "White Flour" and ask her and all of her children to go help "Starvation." All the "Bread Slices" and "Cakes" dance away, and the children are left with "Dark Bread" and "Corn Cakes." Another scene shows the arrival of the great ship in which Uncle Sam and "Conservation" bring everything across the seas. "England" and "France" rush forward to greet them and "Victory" replaces "Starvation."

It is impossible to describe the touching appeal of this pageant, and those who saw it have requested that it may be repeated in a public performance, so that everyone may see this beautiful production of patriotic work.

The teachers have also consented to explain their work more in detail in two programs to be given in the afternoons at the Horace Mann school in the Domestic Science room at 4 o'clock on December 4. The subject will be "Our Great Food Products, Their History, Source and Use." The names of the teachers who will speak are to be announced next week. Arrangements are being made to have the talks illustrated with drawings, and the children will assist by writing compositions to be read at the meetings and arranging food displays for the exhibitions.

On December 17, the subject will be "Important Food Values." Miss Mary Paine and Miss Feldkirchner will speak. During the afternoon they will use food exhibits, prepared by the children of the upper grades, to assist in their demonstrations.

The principals in the cast of the pageant, which was presented Wednesday afternoon, were Margaret De Lay, Emily Hadley, Marvin Danner, Philip Eisendrath, Stewart Sherman, Louis Beale, Ruth Stein, Katherine Hamilton, Richard Joy, William Carey, Hardin Van Dursen and Dorothy Wood.

Girton Exercises.

The annual Thanksgiving exercises of Girton school were held Wednesday morning in the gymnasium of the school. The boys of Elliott school assisted in the program this year with exhibitions of drills by the local Boy Scout troop.