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## DR. ALICE B. BROWN SEES GERMAN LINES

Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown Watches the Germans Work in Trenches Near Hospital Base in France.

## DR. BROWN GODMOTHER TO BABIES

Dr. Brown and Mme. Delebecque Are Godmothers to Children.

Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown, who is directing relief work among the children and women of five villages in France, writes to friends on the north shore describing her work in a very interesting manner. Dr. Brown, formerly of Winnetka, was one of the most active north shore club workers and she has many friends in Wilmette. Dr. Brown's letter reads as follows:

"80 Rue Stanislas,  
Nancy, France,  
Nov. 25, 1917.

My dear Family:—

"It is more than a week since I wrote you and in that time many things have happened, chief of which is our moving to Nancy, which is much nearer to the six villages in which we are doing dispensary work than Toul. During the past week we have taken care of 300 patients—seeing most of them twice during the week. Tuesdays and Fridays are our heaviest days; on those days we take care of 80 patients, ranging in age from babies of seven weeks to very old people. The diseases are impetigo, scabies, conjunctivitis (acute and chronic), ulcer of the cornea, eczema, rheumatism, malnutrition and headaches from sleeping in the caves at night with no ventilation; tuberculosis, tonsillitis, adenitis, etc. When you realize that all the physicians have been militarized for the army and that the civil population has to get on as best it can, you will understand better the situation here. So many children complain of mal de tete I inquired into the home conditions and soon found the cause—the constant bombing and consequent sleeping in caves. Poor children, if a gun goes off while we are talking, one sees them cringe and their eyes stare until all is quiet again. This has been going on for three years. It is a wonder that they look as well as they do.

"On Wednesdays and Saturdays we go to a town where we work within 200 meters of the German trenches. At this place we were taken to a building where observations are made and through the glasses we could see the Germans in the trenches. Here, also, we walked a ways in the French trenches.

"On our first visit we had only six patients, chiefly old women. Next time, many more, and children. I have two bed cases, one a beautiful young girl that I am hoping to take to the hospital at Toul to be prepared for an operation, for which I would so like to have Dr. Van Hoosen. After we get the children cared for and the women bolstered up, we will only go once a week. Last night the Secretary-General said that a very important person did not want us to go more than once a week unless it was absolutely necessary, because it was so very dangerous. Yet, there are many, many people here who are taking that risk. Between our visits a bomb was dropped that killed four people. It takes us nearly an hour to drive to our work. It is through a most beautiful country. The road is camouflaged; that is, material the color of dust is arranged so as to obscure the vision of the road from the aeroplanes. Our host arranged a concert for us; forty boys played and two sang; one sang Carmen so beautifully and through it all we heard the guns! Oh, yes, when we go to this town we wear gas masks all ready to apply if occasion demands. The faces of these poor people have changed in expression since our visits. They say not only has America come to their aid in the war but she has sent her women to help the civilian population.

"We are still working under difficulties, as we have to carry all our supplies with us, and my instruments are still in Paris waiting to be

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## MILITARY TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL

The members of the New Trier High School Board of Education have decided to introduce military training at the high school, following the Christmas vacation period. The training will not be compulsory, and the classes and drills in this department will be held after school hours two evenings each week.

The new department will be in charge of Mr. E. B. Jackson, who has been physical director of the Oak Park Y. M. C. A. Mr. Jackson was secured by the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chauncey A. Hyatt, swimming coach at the school. Mr. Hyatt resigned his position at the high school to accept an offer from an athletic club in Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Illinois Reserve Militia, and recently was offered a captaincy in this division of the service.

Monday morning, this week, Major E. J. Vattmann and Prof. Henry E. Brown spoke to the students concerning the new department. Following the meeting on Monday, 100 boys enrolled for the new course, and they were ordered to report for their first drill on January 7.

## MEN DUE FOR NEXT CALL HAVE CHANCE TO ENLIST

Men who will be included in the next draft call are given an opportunity to choose their own branch of the military service and join the colors at once in regulations issued Monday by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

The new regulations provide that white men not included in the current quota may apply to their local boards for induction into the aviation or land division of the signal corps, the medical department, the quartermaster corps, the ordnance department, or the infantry.

This method takes the place of voluntary enlistment for men of draft age, and is the only means by which they may enter the service, except by waiting until they are called by draft.

## SELECTED MEN MAY BE CALLED OUT JANUARY 5

Preparations under way at Camp Grant indicate that the next increment of this district's selected men will be sent into training January 5, though the local exemption board has received no word to this effect from the provost marshal general.

Instead of handicapping the regiments that are now in an advanced stage of their training by injecting raw material into them, it is planned to give the new men a month or six weeks of training in the depot brigade.

Although headquarters has not indicated its intentions, it is believed that 470 newly commissioned officers from Fort Sheridan, Fort Snelling and Fort Benjamin Harrison will instruct the fresh selected men.

## COMFORTS DIVISION TO SEND JACKIES FLOWERS

By the Committee.

The Winnetka comforts committee of the Navy league has been asked to collect some money for the purpose of buying flowers for the sick boys in the hospital at the Great Lakes Naval Training station. These flowers are to be given personally by the wives of the naval officers, at the station, on Christmas morning.

Anyone wanting to give a "bit of Christmas cheer" to a sick and lonely boy may send money to Mrs. James G. Weart, 278 Linden street, no later than Saturday, December 22.

The comforts committee want women to help make eider down helmets for the jackies, on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings at the Parish house.

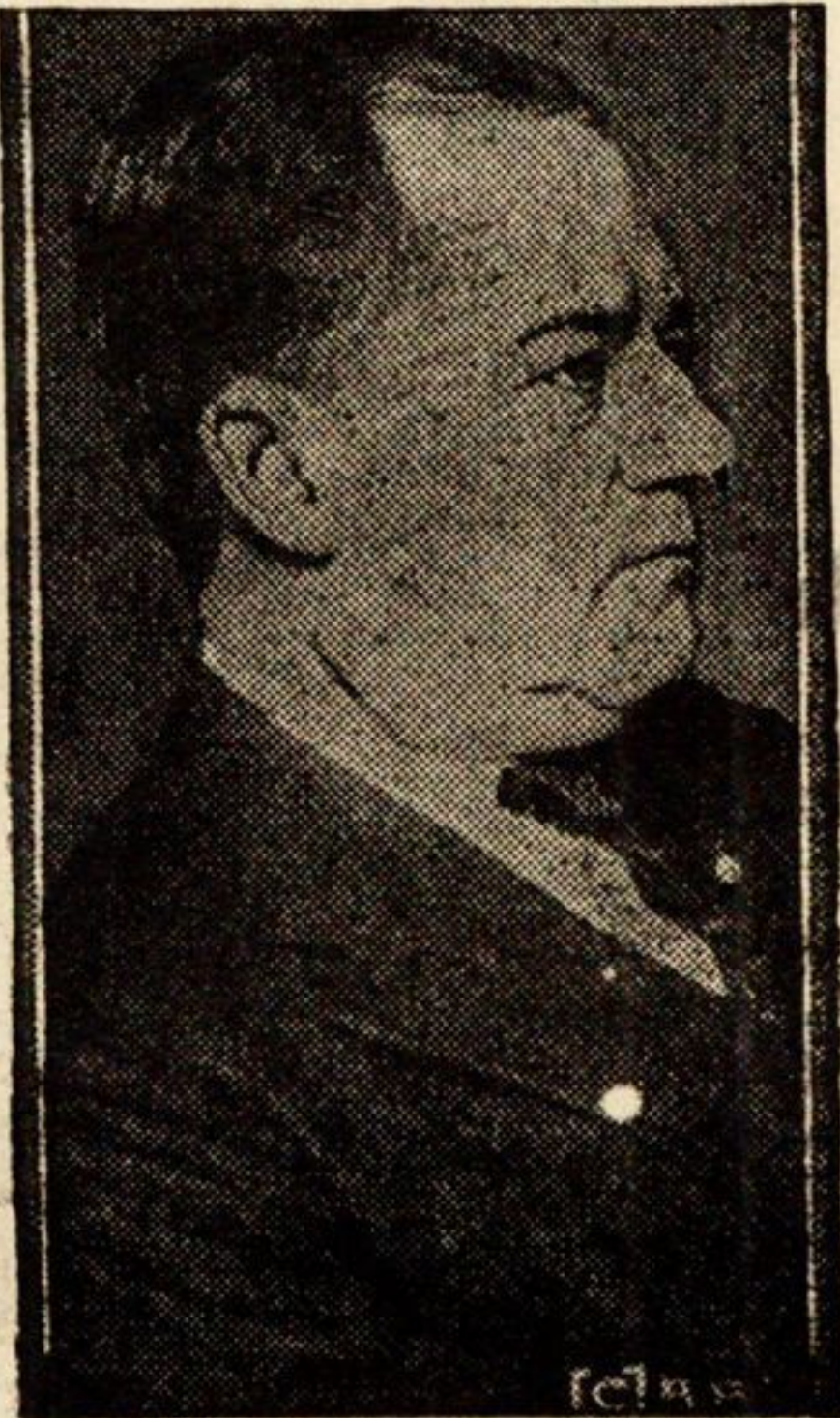
## Skating Rinks.

The village officials opened two skating rinks this week in Winnetka. The rinks are located at Linden avenue and Mt. Pleasant street, and on Burr avenue, near the Skokie school.

## Red Cross Executive Lauds Work of Women

Women Are Taking an Active Part in the Red Cross Campaign for Members During Xmas Drive.

WOMAN'S support of the American Red Cross is greatly appreciated by the chief executive of the society. Henry P. Davison, who, at the request of President Wilson, resigned as a partner in J. P. Morgan & Co., one of the financial powers of



Henry P. Davison.

America, to serve as head of the Red Cross without remuneration, has this to say about American women:

"If I had the choice of \$500,000,000 for Red Cross work, or \$100,000,000 plus the aid of the women of America, I would turn down the \$500,000,000 and take the women and the \$100,000,000. That's what we of the Red Cross think of the aid of the women."

Women are taking an active part in the campaign started in Wilmette yesterday to obtain new members for the society. A house-to-house canvass is being made and by Christmas Eve it is expected there will be three times as many active Red Cross members as there were before the drive.

## UNION TO KEEP HISTORY OF VILLAGE DURING WAR

By Eloise W. Wortley.

A new office, recently added to our War Emergency union, is that of "Recorder of War Activities."

It is most desirable that a complete record of Winnetka's share in the national war work will be kept. Records are to contain all statistics of Red Cross, Navy league, French Relief and all other war relief work done by any village organization, or others, from those reporting directly to our War Emergency union. Such records should date back to the beginning of the war, including records to our entrance into the war.

Will each one who hears or reads this notice please spread the news and assist our committee in gathering data for this record? Such a record will be of inestimable value to Winnetka in the years to come. We are making history quickly these days and we wish our children to realize years hence as they read the pages of our "History of Winnetka" that their town responded nobly to the country's call.

Therefore, please do not hesitate to send in suggestions, newspaper clippings and photographs of those in service, excerpts from letters of our boys or any facts which bear upon any of our war activities. Send all such information to Mrs. Florence Capron, Community house, Recorder of War Activities for Winnetka.

## H. L. HILLQUIST KILLED IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT

H. L. Hillquist, 752 Sunset road, was killed Tuesday evening when he was struck by a passenger train of the Chicago & North Western railway at the Ash street crossing in Winnetka.

Mr. Hillquist, according to persons who witnessed the accident, was crossing the tracks after waiting for a southbound train to pass, and a train from the north struck him.

## RECORD AUDIENCE HEARS STORIES OF WAR HEROES

A large and enthusiastic audience attended the second patriotic meeting of this year, which was held under the auspices of the Winnetka War Emergency union last Sunday afternoon. A number of prominent speakers and a band from the Great Lakes Naval Training station featured the exercises for the afternoon.

Mr. Eugene Rummel was the chairman of the meeting, and following the invocation, which was given by the Rev. Haarth, he spoke of the purpose of such meetings, saying that they would tend to develop a more intense spirit of patriotism, and that they would teach the citizen to "do his bit." He also said that "doing his bit" meant not to lose sight of the word "do," and that his "bit" is all that he can do, and do continuously and repeatedly.

Prof. Andrew McLaughlin of the University of Chicago spoke on the "Thrifty Savings Stamps," which are being put on sale by the government, as one means of helping to finance the war. Prof. McLaughlin urged everyone to do his "bit" by spending "to bits" on a stamp. He also urged the people to realize that by saving the power, energy and the effort that money represents, and by lending it to the Government for use during the war, they were saving Democracy.

Sergt. John Lerche of the French Aviation Corps, a brother of Mrs. Henri Delebecque, who is in France with Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown, told the people of some of his wonderful experiences while serving on the western front. Sergt. Lerche was decorated on two different occasions for bravery, and he has to his credit the record of bringing down sixteen German planes. The French aviator has been convalescing from injuries received when he fell 9,000 feet during a duel with a German pilot.

Capt. W. C. Park, a member of the Canadian Infantry, spoke on the soldier's life in the trenches. Capt. Park is now with the Canadian Recruiting station in Chicago. He has seen service in France and he received the military medal for bravery. He is now convalescing from wounds received while in France.

Excellent moving pictures of the French soldiers in action were shown and pictures of Winnetka boys in the service were flashed on the screen during the evening.

Mrs. Dean M. Townley assisted with the musical program and sang a number of patriotic songs which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

## ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION IS HELD FOR CHILDREN

The art department held its annual exhibition of the work done by the children of the Winnetka Public schools, on Thursday. The exhibit this year was of unusual interest because of the many attractive designs worked out by the children from the problems suggested by the events of the war.

The classes under the direction of Miss Alta Gahan exhibited a number of Liberty Bond posters, that the school hopes to have used in the next campaign. One of these posters featured a Liberty Bond and its effect upon the kaiser. The children receiving honorable mention for their work under Miss Gahan were "Margaret De Lay, Fairfield Porter and Franklin Barrett.

Clay tea tiles and garments made for the Red Cross were exhibited by the children of the fifth grade. Table runners with designs drawn by the children and worked out in cross stitching were exhibited by the members of the sixth grade. The girls of the seventh grade were complimented highly for their exhibition, which included attractive desk sets and cretonne knitting bags, while leather work done by the girls of the eighth grade was one of the most attractive displays at the annual exhibition.

The members of the seventh grade work on designs for the conservation department to be placed on folders, which will be sent out with a number of recipes taken from the bulletins issued by the schools of domestic science. The children will sell 250 of these folders and recipes. The design for the folders was made by Mae Danner, and the printing of the recipes was done by the boys of the seventh grade.

## STODDARD RESIGNS FROM DRAFT BOARD

Robert Stoddard, Secretary of Local Board, Compelled to Resign Because of Business Conditions.

## FRED A. SMITH APPOINTED

Wilmette Man Is to Succeed Mr. Stoddard on Exemption Board.

Announcement was made this week at the headquarters of the local draft board of the resignation of Robert Stoddard, 524 Lake avenue, from active service as a member of the board. Mr. Stoddard was forced to tender his resignation because of present business conditions.

Mr. Stoddard has served as secretary of the board since it was created by an order of the war department, and he has devoted all of his time to the work of the board in helping select men from this district for service in the national army under the draft provisions of the government.

Fred A. Smith, 735 Eighth street, has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Stoddard. The work of the draft board is not new to Mr. Smith, as he has served as a volunteer in preparing the draft lists and in keeping the records of each man eligible for service in this district. Mr. Smith's qualifications to serve on this important military board are of the very best. He is an active member in several Wilmette and Chicago organizations which have been assisting in the promotion of war work.

The members of the board began mailing out the questionnaires to the registered men of this district on Saturday of last week, and the work of filling out the documents got under full swing this week. A legal advisory board has been formed to give information concerning the questionnaires and the services of the members of this board will be given without charges to any registered man.

The offices of the local exemption board have been moved from the village hall to room 26, Brown building, 1159 Wilmette avenue.

## Crowder Explains.

Discussing the new classification the provost marshal states:

The great problem of the classification of the man power of the nation is upon us. The wisdom of the plan is unquestioned; its success is assured.

The military needs of the nation require that there be provided in every community a list of names of men who shall be ready to be called into service at any time. The economic needs of the nation, while deferring to the paramount military necessity, require that men whose removal would interfere with the civic, family, industrial and agricultural institutions of the nation shall be taken in the order in which they best can be spared. For this reason the names of all men liable to selection shall be arranged in five classes in the inverse order of their importance to the economic interests of the nation, which include the maintenance of necessary industry and agriculture and the support of dependents.

## Unit of Classification.

The group of registrants within the jurisdiction of each local board is taken as the unit to be classified. Within each class the order of liability is determined by the drawing, which has hitherto assigned to every man an order of availability for military service relative to all men not permanently or temporarily exempted or discharged. The effect of classification in Class I is to render every man so classified presently liable to military service in the order determined by the national drawing. The effect of classification in Class II is to grant a temporary discharge from draft, effective until Class I in the jurisdiction of the same local board is exhausted. The effect of classification in Class III is to grant a temporary discharge from draft, effective until Classes I and II in the jurisdiction of the same local board are exhausted; and, similarly, Class IV becomes liable only when Classes I, II and III are exhausted. The ef-

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