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## DRAFT BOARD READY TO COMPLETE QUOTA

Local Exemption Board Calls 200 Men in Class One for Physical Tests This Week.

## EXPECT CALL NEXT WEEK

Reports From Washington Fixes Feb. 15 for Last Contingent.

Physical examinations for 200 registrants placed in class 1 were held this morning at 9 o'clock in the Masonic hall, third floor of the Brown building, 1159 Wilmette avenue, Wilmette. The examinations will be continued tomorrow.

One hundred and seventy men of class 1 were examined last week. When the physical examinations of the second group are completed by the board of examining physicians, the local exemption board will know the exact number of men fitted for general and limited military service in this district. The figures will be sent to Washington immediately.

Among those examined last week were all those who took the examination some months ago but were not sent to Camp Grant. This was deemed necessary to obtain the exact physical status of the registrants.

### Those Not Called.

That this is the correct method to pursue was indicated last week. A young man who failed to pass the test before went through with flying colors, while another who was successful the first time failed to pass. This is not a reflection on the examining physician. It simply means that the health of one in that period greatly improved, while that of the other deteriorated.

Not all the registrants in class 1 have received notices to appear for physical examination. It should be noted that the following groups within class 1 have not been notified:

1. Registrants whose appeals to the district board were pending on Jan. 26, 1918, or whose time for appeal had not on that date expired.
2. Registrants whose claims for deferred classification based on industrial or agricultural occupation, were pending on Jan. 26, 1918.
3. Registrants whose time for filing questionnaires was extended to include Jan. 26, 1918.

### Ready For Call.

Every registrant within these groups will be notified of physical examination as soon as classification in class 1 is made final. Any class 1 registrant not within these groups who has not received his notice of physical examination should at once communicate with the exemption board at their headquarters in the Brown building, 1159 Wilmette avenue.

The local exemption board for this district is all ready for the last quota of the first draft when the official call comes from Springfield. Mr. George J. Pope, chairman of the exemption board, said this morning that the date has not been announced for this call, but that it would not be before Feb. 15.

### Equipment Ready.

About 90 men from this district will be sent to the national army camp by the call set for this month. This approximately represents thirty-four per cent of the district's first draft quota. Approximately 200 men have already gone in the first draft.

According to Washington dispatches, the first draft army will be completed Feb. 23. The final quotas from the districts which have not furnished their full strength will be sent to camp on that date. The date of the second draft is dependent upon the removal of the troops now in training.

Equipment for the new contingents is being assembled at the various camps. Secretary Baker has insisted on clothing and other necessary supplies being provided in advance.

### Train Kills Horse.

A horse belonging to Henry Thorsen, 466 Chestnut avenue, was killed last Saturday afternoon by being struck by a Chicago & Milwaukee electric train at the Oak street crossing. Mr. Thorsen was delivering mail at the time of the accident.

## TROOPS OCCUPY TOWNS IN DR. BROWN'S DISTRICT

Winnetka relief worker writes telling of military orders having been issued that villages are to be evacuated in order to protect children in coming drive.

DR. Alice Barlow-Brown, in a recent letter, writes of military orders having been issued that villages, back of trenches, are to be evacuated. Her letter reads as follows:

"Nancy, France, 80 Rue Stanislas, Jan. 13th, 1918.

"Dear home folks:—

"The past seven days have been so full of interest that I scarcely know where to begin. Our Saturday afternoons are spent rounding up the children that during the week at the various clinics, we found needed hospital care. Saturday, January 5, we took five children to Toul, three from one family whose father is a soldier in Italy, and whose mother could not manage on her small allocation. The children were sick, underfed, and cold; the baby of thirteen months, suffering from rickets, the little girl of two has been sick for more than a year and all her teeth are decayed, the boy of eleven is a refugee too and for three months has had a severe affection of the eyes. In a week of treatment these children have improved so that you would hardly know them. If you could see the places where the refugees live you would wonder that they get along as well as they do. From a loft over a barn I took a nice boy of 14, suffering from tuberculosis, to Toul to see if he could be benefited by the good food, air and rest.

"During the past ten days we have taken ten children to Toul, one girl of eleven had a severe anaemia, I want her to have hospital care where her case can be studied. Dr. McDonald, a nose and throat specialist from Boston is now visiting the hospital at Toul, he operated on 83 children, cleaning out their noses and throats to give them a good start. From Dr. Marion Stevens I procured some teeth extractors and during the past week I have extracted 25 teeth. I pulled 16 teeth from my first patient and she never gave a moan, I fear I will not find every one so tractable.

"It has snowed every day of the new year. Our day for Pont-a-Mousson, the entire country was beautiful with its clean white mantle; one stretch of the road was lined with sycamore trees, and a flock of crows flew up into their branches at our approach, making an effective contrast against the white. I had with me as passengers, from the Civil hospital, Sister Louise, Sister Augusta, and M. Jambois, one of the directors of the hospital and the president of the association for the care of the refugees, and director of the Banque of France, etc., etc. Well, we started off with our distinguished guests and I got along very nicely until about half way there when I heard a rap on the car and I stopped just in time to see Mme. Delebecque turning a somersault and landing in the roadway. She had been trying to open the door, because M. Jambois felt ill, the door stuck and then yielded sud-

denly just as I stopped the car so when it DID open she went with it. It seems the combusted gas was making them all ill, I never saw anything like their color—they were all green. After a walk of half a mile they recovered, and got in the car and on we went. On our way back to the Poste Secours we heard heavy firing which was from the German side, shooting at a French airplane, we could see the shells bursting around him, see him change his course and get away, it was more thrilling than I can describe! Our guests returned with us, it seems that our car is the



Left to right—Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown, Miss Van Aken and Mme. H. Delebecque.

only one that goes into the advanced war zone, therefore visitors are rare in this stricken town.

"I kept Mme. Delebecque with me for dinner last night so we could work on our cards and histories. You see there are so many patients at the clinics we do not have time, with our small corps of workers to write up the cards so on our big days we do it in the evenings. Our results from the awful skin affections are our greatest satisfaction, I have worked out a technique, which despite no green soap-alcohol-lysol-etc. brings results. To change all one's methods of treatment is not easy but must be done. Argyrol—there is none, only what I brought with me—neither is there any castor oil, the aviators have bought it all up for their machines.

"Within ten days 'P-a-M.' with 15 other villages are to be evacuated. We went as usual this morning, it has been our saddest day. Can you imagine what it means to be told that you must leave your home—your all—and go far enough away not to interfere with the coming engagement! These poor women who endured the Germans for five days and since have lived close to the guns—lived through many hundred bombardments—must now leave. As we entered the village, there were many people in front of the Hotel de Ville listening to their beloved Prefect, who was making an appeal to them to leave and not be forced to evacuate. Everyone came to us with a sad countenance, but brave, wondering just where they would go. The American ambulance section has been

## SCHOOL CHILDREN INVEST MONEY IN SAVINGS STAMPS

The pupils of the public schools in Winnetka have invested \$1,350 in War Savings Stamps since the campaign for the sale of the government stamps opened here. Several Winnetka people have invested large sums in the war stamps, many buying \$1,000 worth of the certificates.

Mr. H. A. De Windt, who is directing the campaign in Winnetka for the Winnetka War Emergency Union, has been making four-minute speeches at the schools and at all public meetings.

The result of the sales of stamps at schools, including New Trier high school read as follows: New Trier high school, 750 pupils subscribing, \$800 invested; Horace Mann school, 425 pupils subscribing, \$600 invested; Samuel S. Greeley school, 250 pupils subscribing, \$400 invested; Skokie school, 125 pupils subscribing, \$350 invested.

### Visiting Here.

Miss Genevieve Shaw is visiting friends in Hubbard Woods.

## GRADUAL THAW WILL NOT CAUSE VILLAGE TROUBLE

Now that the coal crisis is nearly passed, there is grave danger of flooded basements, caused by the heavy blanket of snow melting more rapidly than the sewers can carry away the water.

To be on the safe side, officials say, residents should remove all goods in the basements which may be damaged by water. In a letter to the people of Winnetka, William D. McKenzie, president of the village, warns them of this danger. His notice reads as follows:

"To the Residents of Winnetka: "In the advance of a sudden thaw, particularly if the thaw is accompanied by a rain, it is possible that the storm-weather sewers may not be large enough to take care of all of the water, in which case, basements are likely to be flooded. To guard against this possibility, it is the opinion of the village officials that nothing which will be injured by water should be left upon basement floors.

"Very truly yours,

"WM. D. MCKENZIE,  
"President."

moved. I visited the hospital where also they were packing and preparing to move their patients to Nancy. As transports are difficult to get I carried a message from the A. R. C. offering the car. I was asked tonight if I would help, it will mean a night trip I think, but as the moon is increasing in brilliancy, it may not. There are a great many very old sick men and women in the hospital and it means for them a jolting ride of 20 miles. Before you read this, it will all be over! This town may be needed for the troops and if so, they do not want to have to consider the civil population. As long as anyone remains we shall continue to visit it and administer to as many as need us—our faithful band of helpers will remain. Some of the women say that they would rather stay at home and be killed than to seek a place of safety—still they do not want to serve the Germans. One of the towns to which we go tomorrow received four bombs on the Usine which has crippled its force and it has not been running since.

"Mme. Delebecque's nephew came to see us today. Since we saw him last he has escaped death four times, he saw his sergeant shot to pieces by a shell. When will this terrible war end? We see and hear so many heart-breaking stories daily that can never be published.

"I have thought of you all during the blizzard with its heavy snow and cold and hope that all went well with you. I am so worried about you all—you are having it so very cold and this last raging blizzard must have been terrible. With coal difficult to get and so high, it must be hard on the poor. No house here is warm throughout—just in spots. Coal is prohibitive and only for a few, wood high and then not good. I have a little gas burner that I light in the morning—in the evening I have a little fire in my blue-enameled, ornamental stove, and keep very comfortable. My two old ladies do their best to make me comfortable—a hot water bottle placed in my bed every night. When I return from work in the evening they say, 'Poor docteur,' etc. After I have taken off my uniform and put on my old blue dress—and washed—I am ready to eat what they have prepared for me. They stand around and watch me saying, 'Mange, beaucoup docteur,' repeating it several times. Then I try, with the aid of the dictionary, to tell them some of the things that have happened during the day. We have a sad time but I am able to make them understand my French quite well!

"The third bunch of papers arrived—those telling of Mr. Snell's death. How you must miss him! I had a letter from Mrs. King, it was so good to hear from her. I do appreciate my letters, though I cannot answer all personally.

"Love to all,

"ALICE BARLOW-BROWN."

## MEN VISIT THE SCHOOLS ON "WORKLESS MONDAYS"

Mr. E. N. Rhodes, superintendent of the Winnetka public schools says that he is gratified to find a number of men visiting the schools on "workless Mondays." A number of them have taken advantage of the opportunity to discuss school problems with him at his office.

Mr. Rhodes would like to urge the men to visit the schools on Mondays, and to confer with him and the teachers concerning any school problems which they may want to discuss. It is good for the children to have the evidence of such vital interest on the part of the fathers in their school affairs.

## WINNETKA MEN REGISTERED IN MILITARY HOSPITALS

Philip Starr of the British Royal Engineers has been in a hospital near Bologne.

Winthrop Case has been for two months in a military hospital at Bagneres de Luchon. Mr. Case while on a furlough was in an accident, and suffered a painful injury to one of his knees.

## ORDINANCE PASSED TO PAVE ROADWAYS

Village Board Passes Ordinance to Pave Streets at the Approximate Cost of \$206,000.00.

## PROTESTS WERE HEARD

Property Owners Attend Meeting to Protest the Improvements.

The village board of trustees passed an ordinance last Tuesday evening for paving 55,000 feet of roadway in Winnetka. The improvements will cost approximately \$206,000.

When the ordinance for the paving of the streets was introduced at the meeting, a number of property owners appeared to protest any action of the board in passing the ordinance. The people presented a petition in which they declared that it would be unpatriotic to let contracts at this time, because:

"That the action by the members of the board in voting such an assessment at this time, would constitute a positive refusal on your part to acquiesce in the repeated request of the general government, that all persons in the spirit of patriotism, husband their resources and conserve all labor and material, in order that the same might be more advantageously used in the prosecution of the war."

The spokesmen for the opposition were Leslie A. Needham and Herman B. Meyers, lawyers. D. A. Stoker of the Indian Hill Improvement Association, which fathered the bill, declared it would be unpatriotic not to pave the street, because:

There was no drainage and consequently families were exposed to disease.

Basements would be full of water during a thaw, children would come to school with wet feet and become ill.

Mr. Frederick Dickinson, village attorney, intimated that other motives than patriotism inspired the people protesting the passage of the ordinance. The village board and other village officials have been fostering the improvements since they were proposed.

Following a heated discussion during which both sides were allowed to promote their arguments, the board passed the ordinance for the paving.

A special section of The Winnetka Weekly Talk has been devoted to the publishing of maps, showing the improvements proposed, and of the ordinances as they were adopted by the board of trustees.

Officials have been unable to say approximately when the work on the improvements will begin.

## ENEMY ALIENS REGISTER IN WINNETKA THIS WEEK

Three enemy aliens registered in Winnetka this week. All the men registering were of age and of good standing in the community.

The registration of the German enemy aliens began on Monday, Feb. 4. Every German, 14 years or older, who has not full citizenship papers must register. All who do not register by Saturday, Feb. 9, face internment.

Mr. A. M. Kioepfer, Winnetka's postmaster, is in charge of the registration here, and information may be had at the local postoffice concerning the registration.

## WARM WEATHER CAUSES CRISIS TO DISAPPEAR

With the arrival of enough coal to supply the needs of Winnetka each day, the crisis seems to have passed with the relenting of the cold snap. Fuel Administrator Woolhiser says that if the daily shipments continue there will be enough coal to supply all emergency orders, and that the orders for fuel have been increasing during the past week.

In Wilmette and Evanston the fuel administrator announced that with the arrival of thirty-two cars of coal, all emergency orders would be filled, and that if the warm weather continued, conditions would be normal again.