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CAMP WORKER TELLS OF SOLDIER'S LIFE

Allen D. Albert of the War Camp Commission Spoke of the Soldier's Life in Military Camps.

PLANNING WAR GARDENS

Local Committee Urges Co-operation in Planting Winnetka Gardens.

By E. W. Wortley

(Field Secretary of the Winnetka War Emergency Union.)

For over an hour on Sunday evening, February 24, at Community House, Winnetka listened unwearied to Mr. Allen D. Albert of the Army and Navy Commission on "War Camp Activities." Mr. Albert was introduced by Mr. Kales, chairman of the fifth patriotic rally, and spoke on "War Recreation in the Camps." A delightful raconteur, he interspersed his vivid stories with pointed facts. He said that our allies can only hold the lines, so it remains for our own army to "beat the kaiser back to Berlin." But we lost three out of every ten soldiers over here, through accident and disease. To eliminate the loss due to social diseases, Congress passed bills forbidding the sale of liquor to uniformed men and placing the environs of camps under military control; also recreation for soldiers and sailors has been organized. As a result, the percent of loss to our army from such diseases is now less than one-half the percent in other armies. Our soldiers and sailors now have the very best recreational opportunities—classes of all sorts, especially for the study of French; games, concerts and entertainments by the best-known actors and artists. Clubs are open everywhere to the men on leave, and, especially important, opportunity is given for normal companionship with women at canteens, dances and homes.

Mr. Albert appealed for contributions to this work of the War Recreation Board. Ours is the last large state to contribute, and Illinois is asked to raise \$500,000 for this work so essential to military victory.

James and John McFadzean, wearing Scotch kilts, delighted the audience by singing, "Over There."

Mr. Kales asked people who are willing to have their idle land used for gardens to notify the War Emergency Union.

Moving pictures of "Life at Camp Grant," were followed by pictures of our Home Guard, wearing the new overcoats, and of Winnetka men in service. The meeting closed with our national anthem.

Gardens.

It is not too soon to begin to think and plan for this summer's vegetable garden. The need for food product will be greater than ever during the coming year. Each garden planted means just that much help in lessening the possible food shortage. The garden committee of the War Emergency Union will gladly render assistance in any way to those planning their gardens. This committee is also making arrangements for war gardens in the village and will be glad to receive the names of any persons having extra pieces of land that they are willing to donate the use of for these gardens; and also the names of those persons wishing to work land for war gardens. By notifying the office of the War Emergency Union as promptly as possible, this work will be greatly aided. Phone the office, Community House, 470 or the chairman of the garden committee, Mr. Wm. S. Miller.

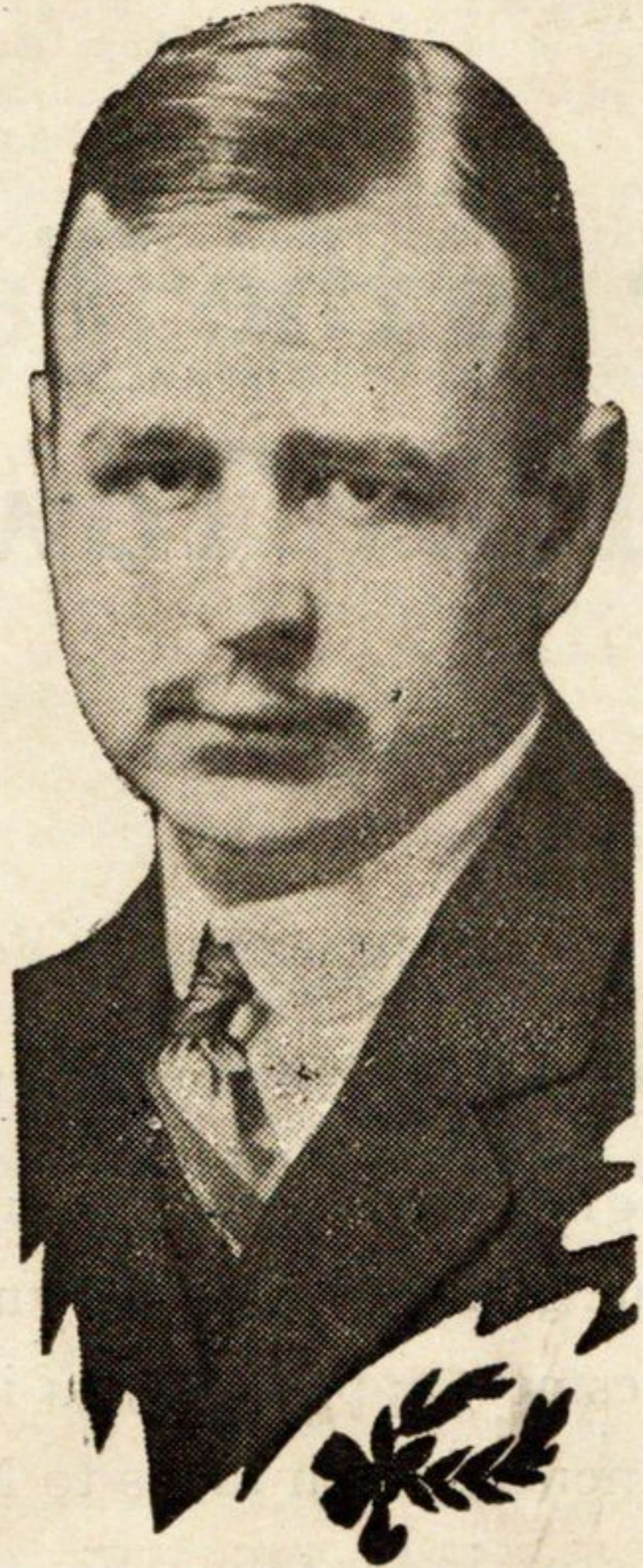
MOVIES START WEEK WITH 4 MINUTE TALKS

Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard of Winnetka and George R. Folds, of Evanston, will be the four-minute speakers at Evanston theaters next week.

Rev. Gerhard is to talk at the Triangle theater on Monday evening, Feb. 25, and Folds will be the speaker at the Hoyburn on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26.

Killed In Action

Lieut. Philip C. Starr of Winnetka reported to have lost his life in 'a'lle



Lieutenant P. C. Starr.

First Lieutenant Philip C. Starr, son of Attorney Merritt Starr of Winnetka, was killed in action with the Royal Engineers of Great Britain Feb. 20 on the French front, according to a cablegram received Tuesday by Mr. Starr from the British War Department. Mr. Starr is in Wilmington, Del., on business.

Lieutenant Starr, 28 years old, was a graduate of Harvard, in the class of 1914, where he won distinction both in his class work and in athletics, especially on the football field. Before entering Harvard he was a student at Cornell, where he became a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity.

Two years ago, long before the United States entered the great war, young Starr went to Canada and enlisted in the army of the dominion. After a short period of training he received an appointment to the officer training school at Kingston, from which he was graduated with the commission of lieutenant of artillery. He was sent to England where he was transferred to the Royal Engineers.

As is common in the British army, he was sent to a base school for officers where, after three months of study, he was made a first lieutenant in the Royal Engineers and was attached to the One Hundred and Fifty-four Field Company, with which organization he was killed.

Recent letters to Mr. and Mrs. Starr and Mrs. Fletcher Dobyns, 67 East Division, Chicago, a sister, told enthusiastically of the young officer's pioneer work under shell fire.

No further details of his death have been received.

In addition to Mrs. Dobyns, a sister, there is a brother, Private Paul Starr, who enlisted with the University of Chicago ambulance unit, then becoming a member of the United States Sanitary Corps at Camp Meade, and a sister, Miss Beatrice Starr, a student at Wellesley College.

Merritt Starr has been for many years a member of the law firm of Miller, Starr, Brown, Packard & Peckham.

It is of interest to recall that a Harvard classmate of Lieutenant Starr, Paul Cody Bentley of Kenwood, was killed by a shell while driving an ambulance in France last September.

A few days after news of Bentley's death reached Chicago a memorial service in his honor was held in Kenwood Evangelical Church. At that service Attorney Merritt Starr, father of Lieutenant Starr, was a speaker.

Probation Officer Reports Violations

Public is Warned by Winnetka Official That Violators Are to Be Prosecuted.

During the last six months there has been an unusual increase in juvenile delinquency such as gambling and smoking cigarettes in public places, in our community, and the police department is trying every means in its power to stop it.

Where definite information is given or proof obtained, letters to parents have been written and an appeal made for their co-operation, to stop these violations of the law without recourse to the court.

The police department of Winnetka is anxious to protect its citizens and warn them away from trouble, but it is only a plain duty and a part of their job to see to the enforcement of the law where they know it to be violated.

Perhaps this is particularly true of the juvenile department, because of the difficulty in dealing with sensitive parents who do not take a fair attitude where their children are concerned. Certainly the discipline and government of the child belongs to the parents, but if they are unwilling or unable to control delinquencies of that child which affect the welfare of the community, and offend its law-abiding citizens, and if dealers continue to furnish minors with the means of delinquency, then it is plain that the laws which were framed for this purpose must be enforced by the official representatives of the law.

For the benefit of business places where tobacco is sold, and for information to parents and boys who may not know the criminal code of the statutes of Illinois, a copy of these laws is herewith transcribed:

Cigarettes.

Revised Statutes, chap. 38, section 272: "Every person who shall manufacture, sell or give away any cigarette containing any substance deleterious to health, including tobacco, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding 30 days."

272j. Minor smoking in public, etc. "Every person under the age of 18 years and over the age of 7 years, who shall smoke or use cigarettes on any public road, street, alley or park or other lands used for public purposes, or in any public place of business or amusement, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished for each offense by a fine of not more than \$10."

272k. Penalty for furnishing, etc. "That every person who shall furnish any cigarettes in any form to any such person, or who shall permit any such person to frequent the premises owned by him for the purpose of indulging in the use of cigarettes in any form, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding \$50 for the first offense, and not exceeding \$100 for the second and every additional offense, or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding 30 days for each offense."

Gaming.

Revised Statutes, chap. 38, section (Continued on page two)

ARE YOU THE MAN?

WANTED—A man with ability to direct the editorial departments of The Lake Shore News, Winnetka Weekly Talk and the Glencoe News. The editor of these papers has been called to report at one of the government's military schools for training.

The management of these papers will receive applications for this position immediately. The editor must report this week for military service. A married man living on the north shore is preferred.

Persons desiring to apply for this position may do so by calling Winnetka 1920 or 1921, or by applying at the office of the Lake Shore Publishing Company, 1222 Central avenue, Winnetka.

Cited For Valor

Winnetka pilot is officially praised for bravery in air fight with the Germans



Dinsmore Ely

Dinsmore Ely, son of J. O. Ely, 532 Cherry street, was mentioned in the cablegrams from the western front Wednesday for bravery in flying over the German lines and driving back German airplanes. He is a member of the Franco-American flying corps. Two weeks ago his parents received a letter from him and in that he said he hoped to be in active service within a few days. Yesterday's dispatches were the first news they had received that their son's wish had been fulfilled. Young Ely is 22 years old. He was a junior in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and entered the flying service last June.

WAUKEGAN MEN OBJECT TO WILMETTE'S TRAFFIC LAW

A petition from the Waukegan Chamber of Commerce to the Public Utilities Commission, asking the members of the commission to consider a change in the conditions of traffic on the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Electric Railway in Wilmette, will be heard on March 12.

The Waukegan business men ask the commission to eliminate the stops being made by the limited trains of the railway to unload and pick up passengers at every street crossing in Wilmette. The signers of the petition set out that these stops delay persons trying to make time and keep business appointments in Chicago. The petition reads as follows:

"More and more of our citizens are forced to resort to the use of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad trains at the present time than heretofore, owing to the curtailment of the trains on the steam railroads running from Waukegan to Chicago.

"It is essential to the business man of Waukegan, and other north shore communities, that the running time of trains into Chicago should be as short as possible.

"For this reason we are appealing to you for assistance.

"The North Shore railroad operates one limited train and two express trains each hour, in addition to the local service.

"The limited trains stop at the main towns and the express trains make one stop in each town.

"This is uniform at all points of the road except Wilmette, where the train stops at every street intersection, causing considerable loss of time to the traveler.

"The requirements of the Village of Wilmette to stop all limited and express trains increase the time from five to twenty minutes per trip, causing a great inconvenience to the public of the north shore.

"As no other town has any such requirements, we think it unreasonable and unjust that the public of

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HONOR MEN REPORT AT ROCKFORD CAMP

Large Crowd Gathered Sunday Morning to See Fifth Increment Leave to Join Army.

MUD GREETS HONOR MEN

Camp Grant Like a Sea of Mud as Boys Leave Train for Barracks.

Promptly at 7:45 Sunday morning a Chicago & North Western train stopped at the Wilmette station, sixty young, clean-cut and healthy youths climbed aboard, a great crowd cheered, the engine puffed and this district's fifth increment to the national army was on its way to Camp Grant.

The demonstration was one of the greatest given the departing troops. Many people, friends and relatives of the drafted men were at the station when the train came in. The drafted men appeared extremely happy and cheered as loudly as those on the platform when the train pulled out.

Each member of the party was presented with a comfort kit, sweater, helmet and a pair of socks by the various north shore war organizations. The Woman's Committee of the Wilmette Home Guard furnished the knitted articles and comfort kits to the men selected from Wilmette and Gross Point. The Navy Auxiliary of the Red Cross in Winnetka gave the men from their village the same articles, and the Woman's Division of the Glencoe War Emergency Union furnished kits and knitted articles to the selected men from Morton Grove, Niles Center, Norwood Park and Glencoe.

George J. Pope, chairman of the local exemption board, was in charge of the men. He was assisted by the other members of the board, Fred A. Smith, secretary, and Dr. Rufus B. Stolp, in mobilizing the men for their trip to the Rockford cantonment.

Following the instructions to the men on Saturday afternoon at the village hall in Wilmette, those reporting for the fifth call were allowed home liberty with orders to report in Wilmette the following morning. Arrangements had been made in Wilmette to provide sleeping quarters for approximately thirty men, who lived at distant places, and who would find it very hard to get to Wilmette early the following day. Because of the good weather only twelve men took advantage of the hospitality offered, the others going home and returning in trucks on Sunday morning.

The trip to Camp Grant was uneventful for the men. After hours of intimate contact with Camp Grant's gumbo the newly arrived selected men threw themselves upon fresh straw mattresses Sunday night and slept the sleep of soldiers.

Their first day in camp was devoid of thrills, but it was packed with hours of toil. Clad in the clothing they wore from home, they fought their first battle against such floods of mud as are usually credited solely to Flanders.

"You'll like it," cheerfully encouraged the camp vets as they strolled by. "It's all in getting used to it." "Sure we'll like it," yelled back the perspiring draft men.

Starting Monday morning, every moment of the boys has been devoted to the business of learning arms firing, practice marches, physical training, school of the soldier, while lectures on all sorts of subjects will cram their curriculum for the week.

The work of card-indexing the men is going forward swiftly, and as soon as the new increment is completed the reports will be sent to Washington.

Such men as are available for service in special departments destined for foreign service will be reassigned as soon as their two weeks is completed in detention camp.

Extended movements by regiment and battalion will be closely coordinated with musketry fire in this week's training. Brig. Gen. Kennon will carry out these maneuvers on a large scale.