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CROWD SCHOOL HALL TO HONOR FIGHTERS

New Trier Dedicates Service Flag Containing 213 Stars, Including Gold Stars in Honor of Dead

EULOGIZES WAR HEROES

Professor F. I. Walker Pays Touching Tribute to Men Who Gave Lives

One of the most beautiful and impressive celebrations ever held at New Trier, occurred last Monday morning on the occasion of the presentation of the great service flag, bearing 213 stars, a gift of the senior class to the school. A vast audience of parents, friends, and students, assembled in the auditorium at ten o'clock and stood at attention while the Colors were brought in by the cadets and placed upon the stage. After a salute to the flag, the National Anthem was sung, and Principal H. A. Brown introduced the speaker, F. I. Walker, who delivered an address on the subject, "Democracy versus Autocracy."

It was a quiet and thoughtful audience that faced the service flag with its many stars, significant of self-sacrifice and devotion of New Trier boys. Many of the parents of these boys were there, and their eyes grew moist as their thoughts wandered faraway to where their sons are fighting for liberty. A few seats from the front seat sat Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Kenilworth, the parents of Andrew C. Campbell, who met his death in an air battle last fall. Major Edward J. Vattmann, the venerable patriot and soldier, occupied a prominent place on the platform and pronounced the benediction at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Pays Touching Tribute

Mr. Walker opened his address with a beautiful and touching tribute to the boys represented on the service banner, after which he gave an exhaustive exposition of the great principles of democracy for which they are fighting and then proceeded to analyze the elements of German autocracy which are responsible for the war. He said, in part:

"We are here this morning to turn our thoughts for a few moments to the boys of New Trier who have pledged their services to their country in the mightiest struggle of all the ages. We cannot honor these brave lads, for they have honored themselves. As the great Lincoln might say, if he were here, You will little note nor long remember what is said here this morning, but you can never forget what these boys are doing over there. In behalf of the senior class, and in behalf of those who have gone from our midst to vindicate the principles of liberty and freedom on far away fields of battle, I have the honor to present to New Trier this morning, this service flag. May we not express the hope that it be preserved forever as a perpetual reminder to all who, in years to come, may gaze upon these stars, that our school stands for something more than mere learning—that it means courage, patriotism, self-sacrifice, without which all education is in vain.

Each one of these 213 stars is a fitting symbol of a young life that early gave its undying devotion to those eternal principles for which our fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. Among them you will notice two that stand out from all the others because of their golden lustre.

Honor Dead Heroes

The one, which has been placed upon this banner only within the last few days, is in memory of Lieutenant Philip Comfort Starr, of Winnetka, who died heroically on the field of honor, February 20, 1918. Mr. Starr, son of Merritt Starr, a former member of our board of education, attended New Trier some twelve years ago and afterward was graduated from Harvard with signal honor. Twenty-eight years of age, and in the very prime of young manhood, he chose the way that led to

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Father Hears Son Is Among Wounded

Local Man of German Birth has Given Boys to Uncle Sam

Two brothers from Winnetka, of German birth, are in the United States service. Corporal Werner Ebner, 20 years old, joined the regulars shortly after the declaration of war, and was among the first to go to France. His father, Franz Ebner, received official notice from Washington Saturday that Corporal Werner Ebner was slightly wounded in action.

The other boy, Albrecht, 19 years old, enlisted at the Great Lakes Naval Training station last September. He was selected for radio-graphy, sent to Harvard for instruction, and completed the course two months in advance of his fellow students. He is now in the radio service at sea.

Both of the boys are graduates of the New Trier High School. They are the only children in the family. The father is an employ of the Greek-American Sponge company 300 West Randolph street. Their mother is dead.

CHICAGO MAN INJURED IN RAIL CROSSING ACCIDENT

C. F. Donaher, 329 South Francisco avenue, Chicago, was severely injured, Monday morning, when he fell from a freight train at the Elm street crossing.

Donaher had been riding a north bound freight train on the Chicago and Northwestern road and, it was said, attempted to leap from a car while the train was in motion. He received several scalp wounds and bruises about the body.

Police summoned Dr. Edward M. Mikelsen, who gave first aid before Donaher was taken to Chicago. The injuries were said not to have been serious.

SPECIAL BOND ELECTION AT SCHOOL ON SATURDAY

By Janet S. Gordon

(Chairman of the Publicity committee of the Board of Education.)

A Special election will be held tomorrow at the Horace Mann school, for the purpose of voting on three propositions.

1. To purchase a tract of land for a new school site.
 2. To issue \$18,000 worth of bonds to purchase that site.
 3. To issue \$16,500 worth of bonds for an addition to the Skokie school.
- The polls will be open from 1 until 6 o'clock in the afternoon. It is hoped that enough citizens will vote at this election to show the real expression of the community on this important question.

BALMY WEATHER REOPENS DOORS OF CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal Church, Closed by Fuel Shortage, to Resume Services

At the eleven o'clock services Sunday morning, Christ Episcopal church, which for some weeks has been closed, because of the fuel shortage, will be opened for the regular services.

Hereafter services will be conducted there every Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock.

On next Sunday, at 4:30 o'clock, in the afternoon, there will be special musical services. The Vested choir of men and boys will sing Sir John Stainer's, sacred cantata, the "Crucifixion". The services will be conducted by Ellin E. Chase, choir-master. The soloists will be George A. Vehlou, tenor, John Rinke, and Charles L. Day, bassos.

The offerings at these services will be devoted to the camp fund of this choir. The public has been invited to attend all the services.

CALL A MEETING TO NAME SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

A public school meeting by the citizens of Winnetka will be held at the Community House Tuesday evening, March 26, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of selecting candidates to fill the places of the retiring members of the Winnetka School Board.

War Activities

By E. W. Wortley

Make Saturday, April 6, a Patriotic Day

Let Saturday, April 6, be a day of Patriotic celebration. It marks the anniversary of America's Declaration of War against Germany. Every man, who has a flag, should fly it on that day. Every man, who hasn't a flag, and can get one, should get one and fly it. Make April 6, "Illinois Flag Day."

Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps to the amount of about \$8,000 were sold during the first nineteen days in March.

Liberty Loan Rules

1. Buy United States Government Bonds.
2. Teach your children to buy United States Government War Savings Stamps.
3. Look with suspicion upon any one who, during the war, urges you to change the best investment on earth into any other form turn a deaf ear to him.
4. See that your bonds are safely locked away in a strong vault for protection.
5. Having laid a firm foundation for your future fortune, add to your investments as rapidly as possible.
6. Avoid speculation as you would a plague; rich men invest.
7. Make a study of the principles of investing safely; investment bankers have a wide variety of free and excellent literature on the subject.
8. Choose an investment banker of known responsibility for financial advice; this is the most important step in your investment education.
9. Adopt a policy of giving first consideration to the safety of your principal; one loss of principal is equal to many years of income.
10. Be content with a sure, regular and moderate income.

SEEK APPLICANTS FOR WINNETKA POSTAL JOBS

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the village post office on April 13.

The age limit will be from 18 to 45 years, on the date of the examination. Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds, without overcoat or hat.

LIBRARY BECOMES REAL COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

Appreciation of the Winnetka Free Public Library has greatly increased during the past year. This is shown by the growth in the attendance and by the corresponding increase in the circulation of books and magazines.

The need for more help became evident and Miss Ruth Calef was employed as an attendant, entering upon her duties last January.

In order to accommodate the patrons of the library, the board of trustees decided to open the library, on Saturday mornings beginning the first of January, and the experiment has been a success. At the meeting of the board on March 8, it was decided to fix the hours as follows, beginning the first of April:

On Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to open the library from 9 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock in the evening.

On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 o'clock in the afternoon to 6 o'clock in the evening.

This gives the patrons ten hours a week more to use the library and, it is believed, will prove a convenience for many.

Shrubbery Blaze

Firemen were called out yesterday to extinguish a shrubbery blaze in Prospect avenue. The fire caused no damage to property in the vicinity.

Winnetka Woman Will Be French War Worker

Miss Ruth Balluff to Assume Prominent Position in Paris

France has called another Illinois woman. Miss Ruth Balluff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Balluff of 385 Ridge avenue, is en route to Paris, to be assistant to Mrs. Benjamin Lathrop, president of the American fund for French wounded. Miss Balluff will be the special representative of the Chicago branch of the fund, of which Mrs. Russell Tyson is head. For the last year and a half she has acted as Mrs. Tyson's secretary.

Mrs. Lathrop, as president of the organization in Paris, has been in France since January. Associated with her in the office there are the Misses Helen and Sarah Farwell, Mrs. Swift Fernald, and Mrs. George Crean. Miss Elizabeth Hinde, of 1524 Astor street, Chicago, also will soon leave for the Paris office.

WAR SPEAKER TO APPEAR AT COMMUNITY MEETING

A Jackie band and a Jackie sextet will play and sing at Community House, at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, March 24, when Mr. Julian S. Nolan will make one of those patriotic speeches that have made him famous throughout Illinois, where he has been speaking in many parts of the state during the month of February.

Mr. Nolan has been most successful in entertaining his audience wherever he has spoken. His speeches are short, humorous, full of "pep", and right to the point. He hits straight out from the shoulder and knows no fear, for he speaks the truth. He has a real message as to some reasons why the United States is at war with "prussianized" Germany. He also tells in a clean cut way the whys and wherefores of the War Savings and Thrift Stamp campaign.

EMERGENCY UNION MADE SMILEAGE BOOK STORE

Residents Interested in Soldiers' Entertainment, Asked to Buy

Smileage Books are on sale in the offices of the War Emergency Union. These Smileage Books coupons will admit the soldier free to entertainments, to be given in the National Army and National Guard camps, under direction of the War Department commission on training camp activities.

The cost of admission to these shows varies from two coupons to five coupons, depending on the cost of producing the show. It will never be over five coupons.

These books come in two sizes: One contains twenty, five cent coupons, and costs \$1.00.

The other size contains one hundred, five cent coupons, and costs \$5.00

OPEN FREE NIGHT COOKING CLASSES AT MANN SCHOOL

By Supt. E. N. Rhodes

On Wednesday, March 27, at 8 o'clock in the evening, a free night school for the purpose of teaching conservation cooking to anyone interested in the work, will be opened at the Horace Mann school. The class will be limited to eighteen.

Miss Ethel Feldkirchner, domestic science teacher in the public schools, will have charge of the work. It is hoped by school officials, there will be a full attendance on the first evening. Ten lessons, one each week, will be given, if a sufficient number is interested.

Hat Sale

A sale of most desirable hats for Spring and Summer wear, will be opened at Community House, at 2 o'clock Wednesday, April 3, and will continue during three days. The proceeds of this sale are to be added to the Dr. Alice Brown Fund.

Naval Committee Meets

The North End Winnetka committee of the Naval Auxiliary, of the American Red Cross, will meet Monday, March 25, at the home of Mrs. William S. Dillon, 814 Prospect avenue.

"TAGS" IDENTIFY GREAT LAKES MEN

Non-Rust Monel Metal Disks, Bear Name and Full Identity of Men of Training Station

"TAG" FOR EVERY SAILOR

Men Must Wear Disks at All Times, At Sea and On Land

Every enlisted man at the Great Lakes Naval training station, is to be provided with a metal identification tag.

The tags, which will be issued to every man at the station within two weeks, are now being made under the supervision of the Medical department and, as fast as they are turned out, are being distributed to the men. Camp Ross has already been "tagged". Camps Farragut and Decatur and the Main station, are next in order.

Each tag will be engraved with the right index finger print on the one side and the man's name, date of enlistment, date of birth and the organization to which he belongs, on the other side.

The tags are constructed on Monel metal, a combination of zinc, nickel and steel, and will not rust nor corrode in salt or fresh water. They will be oval in shape, an inch and a quarter wide by an inch and a half long.

The tags will be etched in much the same manner as a zinc half-tone cut. The finger print will be put on with printer's ink and the other data written on. Then the metal will be heated and treated with powders and acids which will etch the parts not inked and leave the desired inscription standing out. The tags will be suspended from the neck by a monel wire passed through a hole at the top of the medal.

The men will be required to wear these tags at all times. They will be issued to men aboard ships as well as to men in training at the station. They are guaranteed to insure correct identification under any circumstances.

FRENCH FIGHTER FAILS IN QUEST FOR LOST HELPMATE

Pierre Ferrand, French soldier, who won his croix de guerre at Verdun, and who stopped with friends on the North Shore while searching for his wife in Chicago, was to leave this week in order to report to his command, having failed in his quest.

Ferrand arrived in the United States six weeks ago on leave of absence to visit his wife, whom he had left behind in New York when he answered the call to the tri-color in August of 1914. On his arrival he learned she had gone to Chicago. He was aided by French consular agents, federal authorities, and the police, in his search.

THROUGH TRAINS TO LOOP FOR LAKES LIBERTY DAYS

The Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Electric lines each Saturday are running through trains into the loop in Chicago from the Great Lakes Naval Training station, for the sole accommodation of the Jackies who, in great numbers, obtain shore leave on that day of the week.

Thirty-five cars are to be held for the bluejackets on liberty days and nobody but boys in the uniform can get on the trains.

WINNETKA MEN'S CLUB TO BALLOT FOR NEW OFFICERS

At the March meeting of the Men's Club of Winnetka, to be held Tuesday evening, March 26, at Community House, the annual election of officers will be held. Dinner will be served as usual at 7 o'clock. The Committee requests that men planning to attend notify Mr. N. H. Blatchford, Jr., secretary, as soon as they receive the postal card notice of the meeting. The speaker will be Alexander F. Reichmann, who will talk on "Reflections on the War. Its Consequences and Problems."