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Women and Men Are Working Hard to Bring Sales Beyond Quota Allotted to the Village

THERMOMETER AT STATION

Commuters Enjoy Watching "Mercury" Climb Each Day

Five hundred and eleven Winnetkans have subscribed the total sum of \$180,000 to the Liberty loan.

Under the personal direction of Mrs. Allan I. Wolff, 519 Cedar street, the women workers are making a thorough canvass of the Village and the results are being evidenced in a steadily increasing number of sales.

The men workers are also making a canvass of the male population and the business district so that the quota of \$200,000 is expected to be far surpassed in the near future.

A huge thermometer at the station of the Chicago and Northwestern railway is proving of interest to commuters who make daily stops to watch the "mercury" climb.

From the headquarters of the Liberty Loan committee comes the call to every resident of the Village to purchase bonds. It states:

"The future welfare and prosperity of every man, woman and child, citizens of this Village, and of their children yet unborn, depends on the winning of this world war.

All the resources of the country are pledged and, if necessary, will be used. The cost is tremendous but what is at stake is of more consequence than any cost.

The man who hesitates to do his part as far as his means will permit, is not working for his own and his country's best interests.

No slacker is worthy to be an American citizen or to enjoy the blessings of liberty and free government. Now is the time; all get together and all for our country to the last dollar if need be; to the last drop of blood if necessary, that liberty and free government may endure, and shall not perish from the earth."

Blind Bogie Event

On at Bob o'Link

Though the official opening of the golf season at the Bob O' Link club at Highland Park is set for Decoration Day, play will start Saturday when a sweepstake blind bogie event will commence, continuing on four succeeding Saturdays. The play will be according to winter rules with added prizes awarded for special holes.

The men of the Bob O' Link club, which is beginning its third year, are looking forward to a get-together stag dinner to be held in the club house this Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

The Bob O' Link club, though a youthful organization, is considered one of the finest clubs in the Chicago area. It occupies 125 acres of rolling wooded land west of Green Bay road, midway between the Ravinia and Highland Park stations of the Chicago and Northwestern railway.

The 18 hole course of 6400 yards, was laid out under the direction of Donald J. Ross, the famous golf course, architect, and is both beautiful and scientifically planned.

Walter W. Ross and Rufus C. Dawes, president and vice president of the club, respectively, resident in Evanston and well known along the north shore, have had much to do with the promotion and successful organization of the club, as has also Knowlton L. Ames, a member of the board of directors.

Help Farm Work

For the purpose of augmenting agricultural production it is the intention of the War Department to grant furloughs to enlisted men to enable them to engage in farming during the present season. Commanding officers may grant such furloughs within prescribed rules whenever it appears they will contribute to increased farm production.

Ravinia Patrons Asked To Boost War Concerts

Soldiers and Sailors to hear Special Concerts At Park This Season

Under the supervision of the Ravinia club, the campaign for the sale of the season tickets and the books of tickets for the men in the service of the United States army and navy, begins Saturday, April 20.

The War Recreation committee of the club is planning to give the boys in uniform a dinner every Saturday and Sunday, during the season. They hope to sell enough books to be able to admit free, every Saturday and Sunday, every man who is in the service and desires to come. The Ravinia company have given the use of a large and beautiful room to be used as a club room by the men in uniform, and have granted the use of seats free to the men on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, for the concerts.

The club is to have the Chicago Symphony orchestra this year, with all the principals in their places, with Messrs. Pappi and Hageman as leaders. For the opera there is even a more wonderful list of artists than there has ever been before. There will be concerts on Monday and Friday nights, quite the same as last year.

As this is the last year of the guarantee fund, the only way the club can be assured of having Ravinia next year, is by selling enough membership tickets, and tickets for our soldier and sailor boys, in advance of the opening on June 29, to assure those who have worked so hard and given so freely for Ravinia in the past, that north shore patrons really appreciate their efforts and the rare privilege of hearing such wonderful artists at so reasonable a price and in such beautiful surroundings.

HAVE YOU A CAR?

If so Join the Transport Train

There are many men who for various reasons may not be able to serve in the Regular army, or even in the Reserves, but can do their bit by joining the Transport trains and furnishing a car the few times needed. Illinois wants you; wants real men to do their part.

When the National Guard joined the Federal service the First Brigade of the Illinois Reserve Militia was formed to serve the state of Illinois, that the state might have troops equipped, drilled, and in readiness to serve at any time needed.

The First Brigade consists of four regiments recruited throughout Chicago and its suburbs. To mobilize these troops with dispatch when required, transport trains are being formed to consist of 228 cars assigned to each regiment. Each car is driven by the owner, who is uniformed and enlisted in the Volunteer Training corps. This driver ranks as a Sergeant and is required to attend the weekly drills, which are officered by competent drillmasters, men of military training.

The Transport train of the 1st regiment is under command of Captain Lathrop Collins, of Winnetka. His lieutenants are Lieutenant Hoyt, of Winnetka, Lieutenant McDonald, of Wilmette, and Lieutenant Aldrich, of Hubbard Woods.

1st Regiment Transport train drills Wednesday evenings at Patton gymnasium, Evanston.

Get in touch with any of the above mentioned men if you own an automobile and are not giving your time to Uncle Sam.

Major George R. Linn,
Chief Transport Officer,
Ill. Reserve Militia.

Citizens' League Meets

The annual meeting and election of officers of the New Trier Citizens' League will be held at Community House, Winnetka, Wednesday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock. All members and friends of the organization are requested to attend.

VILLAGE TO OPPOSE GAS RATE INCREASE

Local Officials to Appear at Upcoming Hearing of Commission

KNOCK 75c CHARGE

No Definite Date Set for Utilities Commission Hearing

By Frederick Dickinson
(Village Attorney)

The North Shore Gas company has again petitioned for an increase in rates to be paid by consumers of gas located in the North Shore towns from Waukegan to Winnetka inclusive. It will be remembered that on December 19, last, after numerous hearings and considerable evidence from expert gas engineers, the Commission gave full consideration to the application of the gas company for an increase in rates, and allowed an advance which was made the subject of a new schedule which went into effect on December 31, 1917.

According to the schedule of rates effective January 1, 1917, the rate for the first 1,000 cubic feet was \$1.00 net; for the next 10,000, 90c net, and a graduated reduction as the consumption of gas increased, with a minimum bill of 50c per month. The company proposed, in its former petition, to raise the additional revenue which it claimed was necessary in order to properly operate the plant by the imposition of a "readiness to serve" charge of 75c per meter per month, and it was proposed to raise by the imposition of such a charge \$100,000 a year, leaving, according to the company's estimate, approximately \$50,000 additional to be raised by other adjustments of the schedule.

Villages Gain Point

The several municipalities affected through their City and Village councils, as represented by their respective attorneys, succeeded in defeating entirely the imposition of the readiness to serve charge of 75c per meter. The Commission, after a full hearing, entered an order on December 19, last, fixing the net rate of \$1.15 for the consumption of the first 2,000 feet, \$1.10 for the next 3,000, \$1.05 for the next 5,000, \$1.00 for the next 10,000 and a corresponding reduction for increased consumption. The minimum bill of 50c heretofore in force was retained. At the same time the Commission by its order extended the rule which it has imposed upon all gas companies in the state providing for a heating value of 565 British Thermal units. The gas company in its new petition claims that the schedule of rates by the Commission on December last is still far short of providing sufficient revenue for the company to operate and furnish adequate service.

Shortly after the present petition for a rehearing was filed, the president of the Association of North Shore Municipalities called a meeting of that body at Highland Park to consider the matter of the action to be taken by the several municipalities affected. A committee of citizens was appointed at that meeting, and after due consideration recommended to the municipalities that, while it was the desire of the several towns affected to be fair to the gas company, nevertheless it was incumbent upon them to resist any further increase in gas rates, and put the burden upon the gas company and the responsibility upon the Commission of showing sufficient reason for any further increase at the present time.

Permit Hearing

On April 9, last, the full Commission met in Chicago for the purpose of considering the application of the gas company to file a petition for a rehearing. The majority of the municipalities affected were represented by their respective attorneys, and pursuant to the recommendation of the Citizens' committee stated that the municipalities had concluded to resist any further increase in rates but did not desire to oppose the filing of the petition as such or a speedy hearing of the same. The Commission has since entered an order allowing the petition to be filed

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Order Park District Destroy Barberries

Plants, Said to Cause Wheat Rust, Are Removed from Local Parks

The Winnetka Park District was recently requested by the State Council of Defense to immediately remove and burn all common barberry bushes on any of the properties subject to its jurisdiction. Barberries of this variety were found in four of the parks and were immediately removed and burned.

The experiments of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, as well as those of State departments and European governments, leave no room for doubt that the barberry harbors the wheat rust which is causing the loss of millions of bushels of small grains yearly and that in those states and countries where the barberry has been eradicated the loss through wheat rust has been considerably diminished. The action of the State Council of Defense is part of a country-wide movement under the direction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to eradicate the barberry pest this spring and increase this year's wheat crop as well as the crops of future years. The government's appeal states that:

"The eradication of the common barberry is a patriotic duty and the civic board should be leaders in this movement."

The barberries on the park properties of Winnetka are, of course, only a small portion of the local number in the Village, most of which will be found on private properties.

Particular attention is called to the fact that the low-growing Japanese barberry does not harbor the wheat rust and need not be destroyed. The objectionable variety is the common or European barberry (berries vulgaris). This grows much taller and the berries differ from those on the Japanese barberry in that they grow in bunches instead of all along the branches.

WAR ZONE VISITOR WILL SPEAK HERE ON SUNDAY

Dr. Luther Gulick is just back from the battle fronts. He visited our boys there in their camps, and say England and her camps. He visited Italy and watched the work of her men. He found the Frenchmen active in their camps in their native country. He will speak at Community House, Sunday evening, April 1, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Gulick has a most interesting and vital message to give. He has been speaking since his return, in the interests of the Y. M. C. A. He has been especially instrumental in recruiting directors for overseas recreational work. He is a well known writer on health subjects, and was at one time physical director of the public schools of New York City. His wife is the originator of the Camp Fire Girl's movement. Winnetka is fortunate in being able to secure such a speaker.

Frederick H. Scott will be chairman of the evening.

JOHN W. SCOTT TO RAISE OWN TOBACCO

John W. Scott has converted his estate in Hubbard Woods into a victory garden. Three acres, formerly covered with roses and prize-winning flowers, have been plowed and planted with peas, beans and other garden products. The proceeds of the garden will go to the Red Cross, and perishable truck will be given to the poor. A number of tobacco plants have been sent out for Mr. Scott's personal use.

MANGLED BODY OF MAN FOUND ON RAIL TRACKS

The mangled body of an unidentified man was found last Monday on the Northwestern Railroad tracks at Austin avenue, Chicago. On the envelope in a coat pocket the telephone number "Glencoe 388" was written. A woman answered when that number was called by the police and stated that a man had roomed at her home for two days last week. She did not know his name, however.

TWENTY NINE DRAFT MEN TO CAMP SOON

Advance Order Calls for that Number to Entrain for Cantonment Sometime after April 26

EXPECT SECOND CALL SOON

Unofficial Report States Large Contingent Will go to Jefferson Barracks soon

Twenty-nine men from draft district No. 3, comprising the north shore and outlying Villages, will go to the Camp Grant cantonment probably early next week. Advance orders have been received by the local exemption board members, George J. Pope and Fred A. Smith, requiring the entrainment of the men during the 5 day period beginning April 26, when Illinois will send 8,800 men to national army training camps.

There are approximately 175 Class 1 men awaiting call in district No. 3, according to the members of the board. Of that number 65 or more are expected to be exempted from general military duty, on being listed as farmers and residents of the farming districts lying to the west of the north shore Villages. About 110 men would thus be available for general military duty, of which number 29 are to be called next week.

Apportionment Call

The apportionment of the impending call is approximately as follows: from Wilmette and Gross Point, 8 men; from Winnetka, 9 men; from Glencoe, 5 men, and the balance to be allotted to Norwood Park, Morton Grove and Niles. Two alternates will also be called to fill vacancies which might occur just prior to entrainment.

Two colored men from district No. 3 are to be sent to the Camp Grant cantonment, in addition to the regular contingent. They will probably be entrained with fellow members of their race, in Chicago.

Though no official information has been received by the local draft board relative to the entrainment of a contingent of men to be sent to the Jefferson Barracks at St. Louis, Mo., on or about May 1, it is expected that such an order will soon be forthcoming.

Exemption boards of Chicago and Cook County, together with those of other Northern Illinois counties contributory to Camp Grant, will be required to send approximately 6,649 men to the Jefferson Barracks during the five day period beginning May 1. The announcement came from Adjutant General Dickson at Springfield, this week.

Harve G. Badgerow Back From Hospital

Harve G. Badgerow, of 576 Arbor Vitae road, after a serious illness, lasting over a period of five months, is home from the St. Luke's hospital in Chicago.

When war was declared, Mr. Badgerow was among those first to offer their services to "Uncle Sam" (compensation gratis.) Mr. Badgerow became Assistant Director of Division Organizations for the American Red Cross, but unfortunately soon after the appointment, while at Washington, was taken seriously ill having contracted some form of intestinal trouble the toxins of which eventually lodged in his eyes and nearly cost the total loss of sight. Mr. Badgerow's complete recovery is now expected and his many friends are hoping to see him back in the "ring" again before very long.

Mr. Badgerow was one of the organizers of the Citizens' unit which did such remarkable work last spring in recruiting and backing up the 108th Illinois Engineers and at the same time, he appeared as the moving spirit in a number of other patriotic activities.

Mr. Badgerow upon his return stated: "I only wish that every man in the U. S. A. would right now today be made to realize what we are up against, get their coats off and go to work. God knows we need every man and the shirker ought to be disowned from all classes of society."