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## PRAISE WINNETKA FOR AID TO FRENCH PEOPLE

Mrs. Benjamin Lathrop, President of American Fund for French Wounded, Pens Interesting Letter

### AGED PRESENT PROBLEM

Local Women Honored by being "Searchers" of American Wounded

(Part of a recent letter to Mrs. Russell Tyson from Mrs. Benjamin Lathrop, President of the American Fund for French Wounded in Paris). "We are just in receipt of your invoices from February 2. It is a magnificent shipment and we wish you would give notice that it brings joy to our hearts to know that such splendid things are en route.

We note that there are designated cases for Dr. Davis and Dr. Brown, and we shall take the greatest pleasure in seeing that these special cases are shipped to them intact.

#### Enforced Evacuation

The Winnetka Dispensary is doing splendid work. Mme. Delebecque has been in town with Mrs. Cameron and they brought us the most amusing tales. They were asked by the Prefect Mirman to bring down six old ladies and one insane man from L— where they are evacuating all the possible buildings where they are able to install American officers. These old ladies had been living in a Jewish "Home for the Poor and Invalids" most of their lives, and to hear Mme. Delebecque, who is a true comedienne, tell of the departure, is beyond description. She said when they took their farewell of their little bed and night-table, the only belongings they had these many years, they wept and groaned and crooned as if it had been a palace. And when they collected their bundles, which numbered 50, and before they had gone many miles, valises, whose locks were rusty, would open, packages whose strings were worn would break and out began to tumble souvenirs, which held for them all that we call memories, old picture cards, combs from their hair, an old glove, daguerotypes, etc., etc., for these women were all over 85 and two of them had been in bed for 35 years! They were brought to Paris and have found new places which they can call home, in different institutions.

#### Not a Picnic

The Dispensaries are doing splendid work and it affords the real aspirant for hard work a chance to come to France. Do not consider any more girls who are coming to have a good time or coming to get to the front. They must make up their minds and stick to it that they are coming to be of service in a poky office, rather than enjoy the comforts of home in America. These girls we really want, the others are a perfect nuisance.

Before this letter reaches you, you will have received by cable the announcement that we have been appointed by the American Red Cross the "Searchers" for the American wounded, dead and missing in the French hospitals in France. This is a glorious tribute to us, and we know you will be proud as we are of the confidence placed in us. The Bureau of Casualties of the American Red Cross will develop into a large department, so to speak, which will appoint all searchers who will enter all hospitals where there are American soldiers, bringing to the ill or wounded boys comfort and sending news of them to the Bureau. Letters will be written for them to their parents, if they are too ill to write, news of their progress from time to time will be sent, and nothing will be left undone to bring comfort to the American mothers so far away.

#### Work Among Americans

Although our work is primarily for the French wounded, who need every atom of comfort we can give them at this critical moment, for alas they must go on fighting our battle longer than we thought, we hail with delight this opportunity of carrying to our own men the comforts we hope always to be able to provide.

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## Skokie School Tots In Nature Operetta

Miss Glenna Griffith and Teachers Devise Beautiful Play to be Staged on May 25

By Florence M. Smith

At the request of the Parent-Teachers association the children of the Skokie school will present a nature operetta, "The Garden Cinderellas", the proceeds of which will be used for the War Relief work in the schools.

The production is under the general direction of Miss Glenna Griffith assisted by the Skokie teachers, Miss Fletcher in the dancing, Mrs. Sammons in the music and the mothers in the costuming under the chairmanship of Mrs. Raymond Durham.

The operetta has been written by all the children, each having an opportunity to try for the different roles, the children voting for the child best suited to each part. The story is based on the fairy tale of Cinderella.

The play will be given May 5, at 3 o'clock, in the Auditorium of the Skokie school. The admission is 25 cents.

—W. S. S.—

## VILLAGE HALL NOTES

The special Council meeting to have been held, Tuesday evening, May 14, has been postponed until Monday evening, May 20.

The property owners on Ashland avenue have petitioned the Village council to change the name of that thoroughfare to Chatfield road. The matter is now being considered by the Streets and Alleys committee of the council.

The annual audit of affairs and accounts of the Village of Winnetka has been completed by A. H. Higgins, of Chicago, Certified Public Accountant. The report will be printed and distributed in the near future.

The Village of Winnetka subscribed \$10,000 to the Third Liberty loan. The Village now has a total of \$20,000 invested in Liberty bonds.

An ordinance was passed at the last meeting of the Council authorizing the vacation of Fairview avenue, between Cherry and Ash streets. This tract of land has been sold to the abutting property owners.

Chief of Police W. N. Peterson has been given a four month's leave of absence to engage in work for the government. Sergeant C. J. Cooper has been appointed acting chief in his stead.

Trustee Wallace has been appointed as a special committee to follow up the application of the North Shore Gas Company's petition before the Public Utilities Commission for an increase in gas rates in the Village.

—W. S. S.—

## RED CROSS BUILDING IS NEARLY COMPLETED

The Red Cross building which is being constructed in the southwest side of the Main Hospital at the Great Lakes station, will be completed in about two weeks, it was announced this week by Medical Inspector H. E. O'Dell.

The building will be used as a recreation headquarters for the men in the Main Hospital and will be splendidly equipped. It is in the shape of a cross and it is 81 feet from tip to tip of the bars.

It includes a large assembly hall, stage, glassed porches, office rooms, kitchen and store rooms. Equipment is being installed for a moving picture machine and there are two small balconies on either side of the assembly hall.

There are two large wood fire places, and everything which would make the building attractive and comfortable for convalescents is being installed.

## FAMOUS BELGIAN GIRL AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

Suzanne Silvercruys, Daughter of Belgian Chief Justice Here Sunday in Patriotic Address

### KNOWS OF HUN HORRORS

Seeks Aid for Relief of Little Children of War Ridden Country

Miss Suzanne Silvercruys, a Belgian girl, daughter of the Chief Justice of Belgium, is to be the speaker at the Patriotic meeting in Community House, Sunday evening, May 19, at 8 o'clock. Miss Silvercruys is a wonderful girl with a more wonderful story. In a stirring address, she tells what she saw and experienced during the German invasion. She is associated with Mr. Hoover, Chairman American Committee for Belgian Relief and endorsed by Monsier de Cartier, the Belgian Minister to the United States. She is in Chicago and vicinity under the auspices of the Chicago Committees on Belgian Relief. Miss Silvercruys is working for the relief of the little children in invaded Belgium. An offering will be taken. There will be good music. Judge Thomson will preside. As the seating capacity of the hall is somewhat limited, and as this will be a meeting especially interesting to adults, it is urged that children do not come, unless accompanied by their parents.

—W. S. S.—

## Issue Final Appeal for Aid to Ravinia

The Ravinia club, which is the organization of Chicago and North Shore women supporting Ravinia Park, has undertaken by far the most important work of its career. They are engaged in the double program of enlisting much needed financial support for Ravinia Park, and at the same time securing the necessary money to give many thousand soldiers and sailors free admission to the Park and the entertainment planned by the Ravinia club for the coming season. In this latter work they have the sanction of the War Recreation board and the hearty approval of the officers in command at the Great Lakes naval training station and For Sheridan, who say that they consider the work planned by the Ravinia club the most important War Recreation work proposed for this vicinity this summer.

#### Would Retain Park

Ravinia Park is not and never has been on a commercial basis. It has never yet paid its expenses and every year a comparatively few public spirited patrons have dug down into their pockets to cover the loss. When the danger arose of Ravinia Park becoming a second rate Coney Island a few citizens of Chicago and the north shore realizing the damage that would result from such an outcome, agreed to guarantee the Park against failure for three years. This is the last year of this guarantee and the result of the Ravinia Club campaign will very largely determine whether the public appreciation of an interest in Ravinia Park is large enough to warrant its continuance. America has only one Ravinia Park, and Chicago and the North Shore towns are fully justified in their great pride in it.

It goes without saying that the admission charge to Ravinia Park puts within the reach of any interested person opera and music of a class and character that could not possibly be produced for such a low price. Many persons do not realize that during the coming season some of the most important stars of the Metropolitan Opera company can be heard at Ravinia at about one-tenth the price one would have to pay to hear them in New York.

#### Ask Generous Response

With such a remarkable program as Ravinia Park offers for so little money it must be clear to everyone that it must be generously supported or it cannot be maintained. It is the fond hope of believers in Ravinia that some day it may become self-supporting, but that basis has never

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## Chief Peterson Quits to Work for Uncle Sam

Will be Police Captain at U. S. Merchant Marine Shipyards in Pensacola, Florida

Waino N. Peterson, for the past five years, chief of police of Winnetka, who had the reputation of being one of the most efficient policemen on the north shore, has entered the service of Uncle Sam and early this week left for Pensacola, Florida, where he is to engage as night captain of police in the new Merchant Marine Shipyards.

Chief Peterson has obtained a four months leave of absence from duty in the local department and will spend the summer and early fall months in the southern city working for Uncle Sam.

Peterson has had twelve years experience in police business on the north shore. Before coming to Winnetka he had been in charge of the police at Lake Bluff. He has made a special study of the finger print system of identification of criminals and was called in on most north shore burglaries. He was responsible, because of his knowledge of that system, for obtaining a number of convictions. He held the record as being the best revolver shot on the north shore.

Sergeant C. J. Cooper, formerly chief of police of Glencoe, has been appointed acting chief of police during Peterson's absence from the Village.

—W. S. S.—

## Pledge to Red Cross in Winnetka

During the week beginning May 20, the Red Cross will make a nation wide canvass for funds. The Winnetka committees are all organized and ready for work, and every home in the village will be visited and an appeal made for contributions. This merciful and efficient organization needs more money to do its work. To give to this splendid work, generously, and if need be, to sacrifice in order to give, is the patriotic duty of all who stay at home. It is the great agent of mercy which carries help and hope to suffering humanity and its appeal for money should be met by every one. This work will be carried on under the War Emergency Union.

—W. S. S.—

## Leaves Wedding and Gets Into Accident

Even a journey to or from a wedding is often fraught with hazards these days, as Mrs. William D. McKenzie of 1185 Laurel avenue can testify after the auto accident in which she was involved, occurred at the front of the William B. McIlvaine home in Green Bay road, Hubbard woods, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. McKenzie had attended a wedding ceremony at the McIlvaine home. She was leaving the residence and had reached the street from the private driveway just in time to meet a north bound machine in Green Bay road, driven by Mrs. Clyde S. Blair, of 1245 Jarvis avenue, Chicago. The machines collided after Mrs. McKenzie, with perfect coolness, had brought her car to a complete stop and the Blair car insisted upon usurping the exact spot occupied by the stationary vehicle. The result was considerable damage to each of the machines.

Police held the Chicago woman was entirely to blame for the accident. It had been her first experience alone at the wheel of a machine, they asserted.

Mrs. Blair's two year old child, who was in the car with her mother, was slightly injured as a result of the collision.

—W. S. S.—

#### Benet Address

Mrs. Frank D. Fulton, 267 Ridge avenue, will give a talk on Woman's War work at a benefit for soldiers and sailors, Saturday, May 18, 4078 Broadway avenue, Chicago.

## PRIZES FOR GARDENERS IS PLAN OF COMMITTEE

Useful Garden Implements to be Given Best Gardeners in the Village This Season

### PLANTERS ARE VERY BUSY

More Plots are Under Cultivation Here than Ever Before

Thus far the Garden committee has been busily engaged in having as many gardens started as is possible and as a result a great many more gardens are under cultivation now than there ever were before. The Garden committee desires to stimulate every one to do his very best with his garden and in that way raise as many vegetables as possible. To do this, there is nothing like friendly competition and a fitting recognition of those who excel.

The prize gardens of Winnetka which are taken care of by expert gardeners employed by the owners of the gardens cannot be entered in the competition. No incentive is necessary in connection with such gardens. As a result of this, every one who runs his own garden will have a chance to be successful and, therefore, every home gardener ought to enter into the competition for two reasons:

First: Competition will help make successful gardens.

Second: Successful gardens will help solve the problem of the Food Administration.

In doing this every one will be helping, in a small way to be sure, but in a very important way, to win the war.

#### Winnetka Garden Competition

Prizes in the form of useful garden implements will be awarded to the three best gardens in Winnetka this summer and honorable mention will be given to the next five best.

The following are the terms of contest:

1. The owner of every competing garden must notify the War Emergency Union, at Community House, before June 15 that his or her garden is entered in the contest.
2. Every garden entered must be planted and cared for subsequent to the planting by the owner of the garden or a member of his family without employing anyone to assist.
3. In awarding the prizes, the judges will take into consideration the yield, the appearance, the size, the difficulties overcome and such other matters as in their opinion are determining factors in home vegetables gardens.
4. All gardens which have been entered will be inspected by the judges, at one or more times during the summer.

Garden Committee War Emergency Union.

—W. S. S.—

## Issue Call for 102 Draft Men; 23 to Go

Twenty-three drafted men, the last of the Class I-A men in Draft District No. 3, will be entrained for war service some time during the period beginning on May 25, in compliance with orders from the War Department to local draft officials.

The call to the local officials was for 102 men, but subsequent information from the army heads stated that the other classes will not be encroached upon in the next call, so that but twenty-three of the number at first specified will actually leave the district.

At a late hour today two additional calls for men were received by the Exemption Board officials. One requested the entrainment of 57 men during the period beginning May 20, and another calling for the entrainment of 25 men before June 1.

The number of available men in Class I-A the district now stands at 59 including farmers who had gained extension of time until after the harvest season. Six colored men also remain in the district. Action on the calls has not been determined.