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CARNIVAL WILL BE KIDDIES' HOLIDAY

Winnetka Branch Of Infant Welfare Society To Delight the Children on June 28

PONY RIDES A FEATURE

Everything Imaginable To Please the Youngsters Planned for the Occasion

The plans for the Children's Carnival for the benefit of the Infant Welfare, to be held, June 28, at 4 Indian Hill road, are well under way. The patronesses will be Mrs. James L. Houghteling, Mrs. John Scott, Mrs. John Nash Ott, Mrs. Horace K. Tenney, Mrs. Charles T. Mordock, Mrs. Donald Dallas, Mrs. Cornelius Lynde, Mrs. John Stuart, Mrs. J. Allen Haines, Mrs. John T. Boddie, Mrs. Edwin Clark and Mrs. Morris Greeley. Mrs. John Nash Ott is chairman of the committee of the whole, with several sub-committees working under her. Mrs. John Boddie will have charge of the bridge, which will be \$5 a table, including entrance and refreshments. The bridge tables will be on the first floor of Mrs. Ott's home.

All to please Kiddies

The booths for the Carnival will be attractively arranged encircling Mrs. Ott's spacious and beautiful lawn. Mrs. John B. Guthrie and her committee are working hard to satisfy the various tastes and desires of the little tots. There will be very attractive and beautiful dolls for sale, and Mrs. Guthrie will take orders for more dolls if the public wishes them. Mrs. Arthur Dean, Mrs. Harry Edmonds, Mrs. William Truesdale, Mrs. Edward Isom and Mrs. Raynor Starr will assist her in selling. The ice cream cones will be refreshing as well as cheap, and will no doubt delight the children. Mrs. Charles T. Mordock and her committee, Mrs. Arthur Havemeyer, Mrs. M. L. H. Odea, Mrs. Spaulding Coffin and Mrs. Robert Greenlee, will sell them.

Mrs. John Ott, assisted by Mrs. Harold Atkin, Mrs. Laird Bell, Mrs. Edward Rogers, Mrs. Barret Conway, Mrs. Harry Street, Mrs. J. F. Dammand, Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. Joseph Husband, Mrs. James Prindle, Mrs. Mrs. Ayers Boal and Mr. Hathaway Watson will have the ice cream parlor, where ice cream and cake will be sold for twenty-five cents. Mrs. Arthur Bentley and Mrs. Royal Bell will have Liberty chips and cookies for sale. Mrs. Roland Whitman, assisted by Miss Mosely and Mrs. Rockwood Hosemer, will sell candy. Balloons, flags and whistles will be found at Mrs. Lawrence Stein's booth. Mrs. Claude Nathan and Mrs. Allan Wolff will assist her.

Grab Bag and Ever'thing

Mrs. Percy Bradstreet and her committee, Mrs. Landen Hoyt, Mrs. Elliott Stearns, Mrs. Gerald Hoyt, Mrs. Basil Thompson and Mrs. Howard Hoyt, will dispense lemonade, ginger ale and other soft drinks at a very low price. There will be a Grab Bag Booth providing prizes for the children at 5 and 10 cents a draw. Mrs. Donald Dallas, assisted by Mrs. Raymond Durham, Mrs. Ribert Butz, Mrs. Ernest Seatree and Mrs. Frank Crawford, will have charge, and near by there will be a fish pond where the children will fish for toys. Mrs. Alfred Edwards, with Mrs. Taliaferro Milton, Mrs. Harve Badgerow and Mrs. Wallace Rumsey, will see that all the kiddies have a chance.

No Children's Carnival would be complete without a Punch and Judy show, and Mrs. Cornelius Lynde, assisted by Mrs. E. Ashley Gerhard and Mrs. Mancel Clark, will see that the children are delightfully entertained here. Out on the driveway Mrs. N. H. Blatchford, Jr., will have ponies for rent at 10 cents a ride. Assisting her will be Mrs. Lawrence Howe, Mrs. Sebastian Hinton, Mrs. Sam Greeley, Mrs. Fred Mason and Miss Mary Herr. Slides, teeters and games will be there free of charge. Mrs. Harry Edmonds will have charge of the slides, and Mrs. Frank Crawford of the teeters. Mr. Harold Atkin and Mr. Donald Dallash will umpire the games.

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Jackies Sing Rag-Time Tunes As Huns' Torpedoes Sink Transport

MISS DOROTHY MADSEN, 548 Fir street, is the recipient of a most interesting letter written by Rudolph Overby, formerly stationed at the Great Lakes training station, and now in the Hospital Corps in overseas duty. Overby, who was a familiar figure at many of the Community House dances, was aboard the President Lincoln at the time of its sinking. His version of the catastrophe follows:

"You evidently have heard and know a great deal about the sinking of the President Lincoln, but here goes to give you what I saw. First I must say I'm as well and happy as ever a human being ever was.

Friday morning at 8:58, about 486 miles from France or 39 hours out in time, we were hit by two torpedoes, one in the port bow, the other in the stern. I was on deck at the time and saw both of them coming and also both hit. As soon as they hit, the ship listed at once to the port. Our siren and alarm bell sounded and we all went about our duties. All patients were placed in non-sinkable life suits and placed in life-boats. There were about ten in number. Those, more able, were given suits and taken below to abandon with us at our regular abandoning station. While we were doing our duties, the others of the crew were doing theirs, namely lowering life boats, and heaving over live rafts. The engines were shut off and the steam exhausted. (During this time no "sub" was seen). At 9:20 o'clock order to abandon ship was given. The water was filling in the ship very quickly. The water line at that time was about 3 feet from the main deck.

Falls Into Sea

All but the boatmen and most officers abandoned the ship on life rafts. The hospital corps abandoned together. The raft I stepped onto had a loose centerpiece and I plunged down into the "drink" over my head; in doing so I swallowed about "steen" quarts, it seemed, of salty water. I felt the effects of it later. The forward port gun fired four shells in the spot where they imagined the U-Boat to be, but no results. They abandoned ship, followed by the Radio Operator and Captain. The water was passing over the main deck at the time. There was "wild cheering" when the guns were fired. Immediately the stern disappeared, the stack tumbled in pieces, the bow nosed up out of the sea, then all disappeared from view, leaving floating debris, rafts, etc., behind. Due to the exhausted boilers there was no explosion, nor was there any suction by the ship, it had filled up so completely with water.

Sing As Ship Goes Down

When the ship sank, we all struck up the song, "Where Do We Go From Here?". Judging from the hilarity and high spirits of our "gang" you would have thought we were on a fishing expedition, instead

of being a ship-wrecked crew. The popular songs of the day were, "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here", "Back Home in Indiana" and "Pack up Your Troubles in Your Old Sea Bag". There was absolutely no thought of danger to ourselves. I can speak for the bunch when I say we thought more about what those at home would think when they heard about it than we did of ourselves.

The cheering and singing, I must confess, soon "piped down" when a U-Boat appeared on the scene. It was one of these new sea-going types, with one five inch and one three inch gun mounted on her, and also a wireless apparatus. It was the U- No. 11. They circled about our crew looking for officers. They took one of ours. When they took the plugs out of the mouths of their guns, I think you could have sold our bunch for nothing. I judge it was only a warning to be careful and start nothing. They took a few pictures of us, chuckled over their success and sailed off much to our relief. We all pronounced their captain a real human "sport", for sparing our lives. It would have been an easy matter for him to shell us all with a machine gun.

Two Destroyers appear

When the U-Boat departed we set about rigging up flag poles as signals. All life-boats and rafts were secured together and in this manner we drifted until about 11 p. m. when a signal was flashed on the horizon. We answered by rockets. They were two American destroyers. The cheering was deafening. They immediately set about picking us up. It was about 1 a. m. when I was taken aboard, that made it about 16 hours of floating about on a raft. We sure were treated great by the destroyer crew. Filled to the brim with hot "Java" and presented with woolen socks. They stayed until day-break to make sure not to miss anybody. We then steamed off full speed for France again.

We then steamed off full speed for morning, where we were immediately placed aboard another transport, one of the speediest afloat, and our spirits are at their heights. Though rather weather beaten and garmentless we are o. k. The "chow" cannot be beaten, nor the sleeping quarters. We are riding as passengers—this is the life!

We are being re-outfitted and expect to be "all set" for a big time when we get to the states. Out of 715 men, 688 were saved. The ship sank in 29 minutes. We were complimented by our captain for our good work. The bunch are more firmly united. Three cheers for the U. S. Destroyers and three cheers for the U. S. A."

June 12. "I am now on liberty in New York. 'Gee!' it is great to be on terra firma again—though I must confess, when we were hit we were only 3 miles from land—straight down".

FRIEND OF OLD AND YOUNG PASSES AWAY

Mr. Higgins has gone; and little children are mourning. For John Higgins was their dear friend. Many days he faithfully guided their uncertain feet across the tracks, gently chiding them for lingering on their way from school. Somehow we feel that they will always remember his cheery voice and patient figure. His position in their childhood was unique.

Grown-ups too, are mourning him. Grown-ups are remembering the times they occupied the low chair in his little shanty on the railroad, while John himself, with poor tired feet, so courteously preferred to stand. Grown-ups might learn a lesson from the ever courageous spirit he maintained through the sharp days of winter and the long hot days of summer.

John Higgins was born in 1854 in Worcester, Mass. He died suddenly at his home at 825 Foxdale avenue, on June 4, 1918. He was buried in Highland Park on Friday, June 7. His friends will always remember him.

War Emergency Notes

Major Casey Wood of the Surgeon Generals Staff, Washington, has been made Lieutenant Colonel.

William, Wentz who entered the service April 29, is now in Battery B 341st F. A. at Camp Mills.

Nils Anderson who entered service May 20, is at the Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth

J. B. Alton is Associate Field Director, Civilian Relief, American Red Cross, Great Lakes.

Myron Erikson is at the Naval Aviation station, Pensacola, Fla.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of first Lieutenant Robert C. Meloney, overseas.

George Kelly of the 842nd Field Artillery, is now at Camp Mills, Long Island.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES

At the meeting of the Village Council last Tuesday evening, it was decided to increase the insurance on the Village Hall property to \$10,000.

The water and light committee was authorized to arrange for the purchase of an additional 1,000 tons of coal for the municipal plant for storage. This in co-operation with the recommendation of the Fuel Administration that coal supplies for next winter be purchased at this time.

Chief of police W. N. Peterson has been appointed as Village Fire Marshal which position he will hold in addition to his police office. Confirmation of the appointment was made by the council this week.

An ordinance demanding the eradication of the wheat destroying barberry shrubs from all lots in the Village, was introduced at the Council meeting last Tuesday. The ordinance will become effective upon final passage at the next session of the council, two weeks hence.

AT THE GIFT SHOP

The Dr. Alice Brown Gift Shop has made \$3,300. This includes the receipts from the Tea Shop, \$605.60; the French Market, \$1,000; the Boy Scouts, \$40; and the S. S. Kindergarten, \$10.

The following things are wanted at once in the Gift Shop: A Silk Sweater, Innovation Trunk, Andirons, Blue Dishes (Stockholm pattern), Mahogany Mirror, large Library Globe, Girl's Bicycle, Boy's Velocipede, Japanese Waste Basket, Franklin Stove, Iron Fire Basket, Small Writing Desk, Fire Screen, Rugs, pair Silver Candle Sticks, pair Dresden Candle Sticks, pair Brass Candle Sticks, Chest of Drawers, Chiffonier, Pottery Teapot, Book Racks, Book Case, Silver Chains, Venetian Sketch, Electric Lamps, Card Table Covers, Infant Pins, Music Bench, Canvas Golf Bag, Golf Clubs, Antique Chair, Baby Carriage, Go-Cart, and Children's Clothes.

Will you look in your attic or store room and help the Shop fill these orders? Possibly you have some cherished possessions stored away, which you would like to convert into money to aid homeless refugee French children. If so, the Gift Shop affords an unusual opportunity of disposing of it at your own price.

We hope you will visit the Gift Shop at Community House, which is open every day from 3 to 5. A very interesting collection of bead necklaces, made by the "Blesses", has just been received from Dr. Brown.

MUST HAVE LICENSES TO SOLICIT WAR FUNDS

For information for Winnetkans who are planning to give War Benefits or Entertainments or to solicit funds for war purposes, the following extracts from a pamphlet of information, issued by the State Council of Defense are submitted:

"The State Legislature by a recent Act created the State Council of Defense for the purpose of aiding in the prosecution of the war, and by another Act, which became effective on July 1, 1917, the Legislature made it the duty of the State Council of Defense, and has given it the authority to regulate the solicitation of funds and other property for the purpose of war aid and war relief during the continuation of the war.

The Act by which authority is given provides, under heavy penalty for violation of its provisions, that on and after July 1, 1917, no individual, society, club, association or corporation shall engage in the solicitation of funds or other property for any war relief, with the exceptions hereinafter referred to, without first obtaining from the State Council of Defense a license authorizing such solicitation.

All persons, societies, clubs, associations or corporations desiring such

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FOOD DEALERS DRAW UP WAR TIME PLANS

Recently Organized Food Dealers' Association of New Trier Township Adopts Delivery Charge Plan

ALSO HAVE CLOSING ORDER

Charge Five Cents for Deliveries and Limit Deliveries to 4 per day

More than 40 grocers, meat market and delicatessen shop proprietors and other purveyors of food on the north shore, members of the "Food Dealers' Association of New Trier Township, were present at the first regular meeting of that recently organized body held at the headquarters of the Wilmette Guard Tuesday evening.

Resolutions were adopted providing that all places of business where food is sold shall close all day Sundays and all day holidays in order that there may be no discrimination between merchants and no advantage individuals who feel that they can afford, for the future benefits to be derived, to operate their stores contrary to the wishes of the majority as expressed after careful consultation and advice from district and state food administrators.

Display Patriotic Fervor

The merchants guided by a patriotic zeal which was a splendid example to other residents of the north shore and particularly to their patrons, set themselves wholeheartedly to the task of formulating plans and regulations whereby they might actually serve in the cause of the war in matters of food conservation by merchants and householders and patriotic observance of all government regulations in food matters.

President of the association, A. S. Van Deusen, at the outset of the meeting presented North Shore Food Administrator, George F. Appleyard, as the speaker and guide of the evening's deliberations.

Urges Co-operation

Mr. Appleyard pointed out to the men that co-operation and team work was needed by the merchants in these times both in their own interest and those of the nation at war. He also gave many pointers which clarified the somewhat befuddled atmosphere of the average food purveyor's store while operating, as at present, under strict government regulation. He declared that co-operative effort would not only materially aid the nation's cause but, at the same time, be instrumental in teaching better business methods to the small dealer.

To Make Delivery Charge

Conservation in the eyes of the government consists not only in saving sugar and meat when those articles are short, but consists also in the saving of man and beast power as represented by the automobile and horse and wagon delivery system. To this end, it was decided that beginning July 1 all dealers will limit deliveries to four trips and each dealer will make a charge of 5 cents for every order of food stuffs not carried away by the purchaser. The local dealers were congratulated upon their decision to make only one charge when the order was for both meats and groceries.

While it was pointed out that this might work to the advantage of stores which sell both meats and groceries, in which one charge is made, as against the man who sells meats alone, when the housewife who patronizes him will have to pay 5 cents for her meat delivery and also 5 cents for her grocery delivery, a great confidence was expressed that the housewife's of the north shore would not change their present places of doing business and thus work a hardship on the stores which carry only the one line.

Van Deusen Heads Body

Officers of the new co-operative organization are:

President, A. S. Van Deusen, Wilmette.

Vice President, O. Rudolph, Winnetka.

Secretary and Treasurer, F. H. Verhalen, Wilmette.

Board of Directors: A. F. Aspe-

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