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FOOD DEALERS DROP DELIVERY CHARGES

Closing Hour Clause in Food Dealers Association also Omitted as Unnecessary Hardship

PLAN CO-OPERATIVE BODY

New Food Administrator C. D. McPherson recommends Revision in Rules

Charges for deliveries by New Trier Food Dealers and the matter of closing hours are henceforth to be left to the discretion of the individual dealers, thus rescinding clauses to that effect in the constitution of the recently organized New Trier Food Dealers' association. The revision of the constitution in those particulars was effected at a meeting of the association at Central school hall, Wilmette, Tuesday evening.

The action by the association was taken after it was agreed by the members that the regulations governing delivery charges and closing hours were working an unnecessary hardship on some of the dealers and consumers as well. It was further decided that the association should continue intact as a co-operative organization, co-operative in the sense that it will work in harmony with the Government Food Administration and co-operate with the householders in the matter of food transactions.

New Administrator Appears

C. D. MacPherson, newly appointed Food Administrator of the North Shore with John Westreicher, in the absence of George F. Appleyard, appeared at the meeting of the association and was responsible for an enthusiastic session. He recommended the changes made in the rules governing the association and urged co-operation, stating, at the same time, that care and reservation must be observed in any action by the association.

Following the meeting, A. S. Van Deusen declared that the association was progressing excellently and that mutual benefits would result for dealers and consumers.

BUSINESS MEN HEAR VETERAN ORGANIZER

Efficient management of a Commercial association was explained to members of the New Trier Commercial association at the regular meeting last week, by G. W. Hotchkiss former secretary of the Commercial Lumber association.

Hotchkiss urged the members of the local association to place confidence in their ability to organize a strong commercial body on the north shore and gave some valuable pointers as to the most feasible way of securing results through the organization.

Following the address President Leo M. Dean appointed a booster committee to arouse among the members and to bring into line the delinquents in the association.

The members of the association were notified that they were entitled to receive information, relative to credit and ratings, through the Commercial Reference company. The reference company covers the entire country and enables business men to follow up "bad accounts" in any part of the United States.

War Garden Signs

The State Council of Defense has issued signs to be used as a protection to the War gardens against any possible vandalism, which is now considered as an act of disloyalty and will be dealt with by the Federal authorities. Signs may be had upon application to the War Emergency Union office, Community House.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

New registrants in Draft District No. 3 this week were given their numbers by the local board. The complete list of names with the registration and order numbers appears on page two of this issue.

Ruth Balluff, War Worker in France, Tells Sad Story of Destitution; A Plea for Aid

There is great need of clothing and more clothing for the French refugees, especially the children between 5 and 15 years, as is shown in excerpts from letters received from Miss Ruth Balluff, who is in the headquarters office, American Fund for French Wounded, Paris.

Paris, June 10. Elizabeth Marks and I were on night duty at the Gare last night from seven o'clock until seven this morning. I wasn't a bit tired during the night, but went right to bed this morning after a hot bath and breakfast. The Red Cross and A. F. F. W. have a vestiaire at the Gare du Nord (which is the railroad station where the refugees come in from the Northern evacuated towns) and there are always attendants, night and day. Never until last night have I really and truly realized what war really means, and I hope to heaven that no other country will have to suffer at the hands of the enemy at these people have suffered. To start with, about eight o'clock a train load of about two hundred arrived—men, women and children, principally old men and women with families of small children, and young boys and girls. There are no young girls of my age left in the villages that have been devastated. Never in my life have I seen such abject weariness, both mental and physical, destitution and hunger. There were pitiful old couples who clung bewildered to each other; young mothers with small children, and a white, puny baby, and endless little boys and girls. They had been ordered by the government to evacuate their homes, and they simply carried the few things they could with them.

Forced From Homes

One young man who was with us on duty last night had been for several months near Amiens, and he told of the conditions that generally surround an evacuation. Old women will pack a great wheel barrow with a load three times their weight, and stagger for miles along a rough road, only to have to drop it by the wayside, exhausted. Young boys of seven or eight will have bedding rolls around their bodies, and little girls will have a great roll of clothing for the entire family. The mother generally has a baby to carry.

The first thing the refugees have to do when they come to the Gare is to register with the police authorities who are there for that purpose, and you can readily imagine the confusion with endless delay in trying to get an accurate record from these poor ignorant people, of their families, where they are going, how much they have, etc., etc. They have travelled in the poorest of accommodations for two or three days—and the mothers are cross, the children are dirty and hungry, and it is up to us workers to make it as pleasant, easy and comfortable for them as possible. As soon as they have registered, they are fed, and that was my job for the night.

Food and Shelter

At the end of this great basement is a kitchenette where chocolate and coffee are made, well heated for the babies, bread, cheese and meat cut. Down the centre of the room is a long table (about half a block, I believe) covered with oil cloths, and on either side benches for the diners. They deposit their paltry belongings on the cots which are at the side of the tables, and then assemble their families. It seems even now, hours after I have had a bath and a nap, that I can still smell cheese, sausage and refugees. Each one is provided with a cup, and I went along the line pouring hot chocolate. It was surprising how they seemed delighted with a pleasant word, or to have me notice a baby and speak of it. They are so tense and dull that the slightest notice pleases them immensely, and their eyes would light up and a faint smile appear on their tired faces to have me speak kindly to them. Of course they were frightfully hungry, and it kept me on the go indefinitely until two hundred were fed. I do not mean that I personally did all the work, for the men carry the great baskets of bread, and someone else carries coffee and beer, but it means countless trips up and down this

room carrying huge pitchers of hot chocolate. After they had all been fed came the heartbreaking sight.

A mother would get her tired herd together and get them ready for bed, often simply taking off their shoes, or dress or blouse. Then she would tuck them together in a narrow cot to get what sleep they could, and she would sit upright at the foot of the cot all night, so dead tired that she would sleep as she sat. Sometimes if there were only one or two of children, the mother would lie down with them, and the huddled groups were pitiful.

Glad For Opportunity

The Gare du Nord is one of the oldest stations in Europe, I believe, and it has not had an airing since the time of Napoleon. The basement doesn't have an overabundance of ventilation anyway, and when it is full to overflowing with refugees, it leaves much to be desired. The ghastly light on the poor souls lying around on bundles of clothing was depressing. About five o'clock they began to get up and it would have seemed so terribly funny to see some of them if I had not realized what they were leaving and where they were going. Breakfast was the same performance and they were as hungry after a night's sleep—if you can call it that—and no exercise, as for dinner. Most of the mothers were starting out on the trip south just that much more weary than before, and the children were a shade stickier and dirtier. One poor crippled woman sat the entire night in one spot, and I do not think she got a wink of sleep. At six o'clock this morning most of them left, and there were exactly two happy faces—two small boys whom I had spoken to when I served them, one with his face coated with dirt. Every detail stands out vividly in my mind, and I am so thankful that I have this opportunity to help in that way.

Needs Beyond Resources

Paris, June 10. "The needs are getting beyond the resources. We have begun to face the prospects of turning the people away from the vestiaires—yesterday I had to tell any number of girls of the ages from five to fourteen that we had nothing for them; one can't contrive anything for girls of that age, and because they are not particular attractive and alluring, people simply don't make dresses, petticoats and underclothing for them. We can't get enough things for babies and small children. Some babies that I have encountered—and I know, for I have seen and handled them—have not had a fresh stitch on for days, and their poor mothers are glad for anything that will make a change of clothing. Good old table linen is really in great demand, as it can be used for the babies, their mothers and, in fact, in many ways. It should be sent whole instead of being torn into different shapes and sizes, which makes it practically useless. Stockings and handkerchiefs are in great demand, many children having to be turned away without any after having walked miles to a railroad. We give everybody something, but simply cannot give each person everything, for the simple reason that we would soon have to shut up shop. Black sateen aprons, without which no French child of the peasant class is properly dressed, we cannot get enough of—ranging from 3 to 16 years. You can put it down as a safe gamble that when a mother comes to a vestiaire with children, the first thing she is going to ask for is a "tablier noir" for each one, but the supply, unfortunately, is not unlimited and too soon we have to turn away children of the age from 8 to 11 because we have nothing to fit them".

Excerpt from the Weekly Bulletin of the American Fund for French Wounded

June 9. "At 3:30 o'clock we found ourselves at the Gare du Nord, where a second Red Cross canteen and A. F. F. W. vestiaire will be opened. The courtyard was flooded with refugees and their bundles, the usual groups of pale women, old men, babies and

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"Y" WORKER TO TELL OF THE FIGHT

Francis W. Parker, Speaker Sunday Evening at Community House; Commemorate French Holiday

"OVER THERE" 7 MONTHS

Splendid Musical Program Arranged for the Patriotic Gathering

In honor of the great French holiday, July 14, marking the fall of the Bastille, Winnetka is to have a patriotic meeting, Sunday evening, July 14, in Community house. The speaker will be Francis W. Parker, who has recently returned from France, where he has been Divisional Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the past seven months. He will tell of his experiences with the American army. Winnetka is fortunate in securing such an able and interesting speaker for this occasion.

To Sing "Marsellaise"

Mrs. Morris M. Townley will sing "The Marsellaise" and Mrs. Brewer will play, accompanied by Miss Pratt. The singing will be led by Mr. Arthur Dean. Mrs. Horace K. Tenney, President of the War Emergency Union, will be the chairman of the evening. The meeting will be at 8 o'clock.

Everybody is welcome. Children are requested to be accompanied by parents.

SHOULD PRESERVE SURPLUS PRODUCTS

The vegetable gardens are flourishing so well that there should be a large surplus for canning and now is the time to begin the very important patriotic work. If all gardeners who will probably have a surplus supply, will promptly send their names to the War Emergency Union office, Community House, phone Winnetka 1000, stating the kind of vegetables they will have, and whether they wish to sell them or give them away, the Union will undertake to put them in touch with some one who can use them. It is also urged that those who desire extra vegetables for canning send in their names stating kind of vegetables desired, so that they may be notified when there is a surplus. Don't forget that the success of the cold pack method depends almost entirely upon the freshness of the vegetables, authorities stating that the product should be in the jars within five hours from the time it is picked. Please bear this fact in mind and notify the office at least the day before vegetables to be disposed of are ready for picking.

WILL OPEN LIBRARY SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Winnetka Free Public library, held July 5, in response to a request from a number of citizens, it was decided to open the library to the public on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock, beginning on July 14, and continuing until August 28. An attendant from the regular library staff will be in charge and ready to give advice and assistance in the use of books and magazines and the card catalogue, as may be necessary.

No books will be issued to be carried away for home reading. The library is well supplied with current literature, having over fifty of the best magazines and periodicals. The reference department of the library is kept well up to date and affords an excellent opportunity to any one who is anxious to investigate some subject.

It is hoped that citizens who are interested in enlarging the usefulness of the library will take advantage of this opportunity, and support the effort of the board to place the resources of the library at the service of the public.

Complete Paving

Village Hall officials announced this week that the paving on Sheridan road had been completed south to the Kenilworth limits. The thoroughfare will be opened to traffic about August 10, it was stated.

URGENT CALL FOR RED CROSS HELP

Dressings for Hospitals in Italy, and Many Workers to Prepare them, Sought here

PARISH HOUSE SCHEDULE

Emergency Call for Surgical Garments and Workers in Village also Announced

An emergency call has come for surgical dressings for hospitals in Italy. A large quota must be completed this month.

3200 sponges, 720 Oakum pads, 552 Split irrigation pads. Workers are greatly needed to complete this quota.

Grace E. Prindville, Chairman, Surgical Dressings. Parish House open Daily

An urgent call has come also for surgical garments. The Parish House is open each day for work on the dressings and garments and the Neighborhood groups under Mrs. Snell, Mrs. Melhope, Mrs. Hoagland and others, will work as usual, also the Hubbard Woods group.

The schedule for the Parish House is as follows:

Surgical garments, Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, Wednesday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock.

French wounded, Tuesday morning and Friday morning.

French children's garments, Friday afternoon.

Italian relief, Wednesday afternoon.

Surgical dressings, every day.

Women are asked to give generously of their time for this needed work.

Women of the Village have been requested to look through their linen chests and send what they find they can spare to Christ church Parish house. These garments will be forwarded to the headquarters of the American Fund for French Wounded, in Paris. New stockings are especially needed and will be gratefully received at the Parish house.

SUGAR SUBSTITUTE FOR JELLY FOUND

The attention of local house-wives is called to the following valuable suggestion for saving sugar. This has been tried out in the Community Kitchen in Evanston as well as in different homes and has been found to be successful.

In making Jellies, instead of using the whole amount of sugar required, use half the amount of sugar and half White Karo corn syrup. For instance, to 5 cups of juice, use 2½ cups of sugar and 2½ cups of White Karo corn syrup.

War Personals

Lionel France has safely arrived overseas. He is in the Ambulance section.

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Reverend E. Ashley Gerhard leaves Friday for the School of Chaplains, Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky. in preparation for entrance into the service.

Help The Gift Shop

Search your attic and store room for relegated articles in the way of furniture, pictures, books, lamps, rugs and bric-a-brac. Look on the upper shelves of your pantries for discarded china and glass ware. Look in your jewelry case for necklaces, rings and brooches. Bring them to the Dr. Alice Brown Gift Shop, and we will convert them into money to provide food, shelter and medical care for the homeless refugee children of France, under Dr. Alice Brown's care. The Shop has made \$3500. This amount can be doubled with your hearty co-operation.

Can we not relinquish a few of our unnecessary possessions and help save the lives of little children? We can sell anything for you—from a kitchen stove to a grand piano.