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HERE'S HOW YOU MUST SEND WAR XMAS BOXES

Cartons Can Be Obtained at Red Cross Shop, Parish House, Where Inspection and Mailing Will Be Done

STARTS MONDAY, NOV. 5

Rules Concerning Composition of Packages Are Also Issued

The following notice has been sent through the War Emergency Union from the Red Cross, to the parents of boys in army service overseas:

We are sending you instructions as to how to send your boy his Christmas box. The enclosed rules have been issued by the Government through the Red Cross and no package will be sent unless the rules are adhered to.

The Winnetka Red Cross auxiliary will inspect, wrap and mail your packages. Cartons can be obtained at the Red Cross shop, parish house, where inspection and mailing will be done from Monday, November 4 to Wednesday, November 20, from 9 to 11 A. M. and from 4 to 6 P. M. The office will also be open in the evening from November 15 to November 20, from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

We will furnish paper and string. Stamps for mailing may be purchased here.

Mabel B. Boyden,

General Chairman.

Ethel M. Hammond,

Chairman of Christmas boxes.

General Description of Plan

1. To insure avoidance of duplication and of erroneous addresses, Army authorities, under General Pershing, are issuing a Christmas Parcel label to each man. This measure is required by shipping space limitations.

2. The men will be instructed to mail this label to home relations, or friends, who upon receiving it will present it to the nearest chapter or Branch headquarters, or such other place as may be designated by the Red Cross. They will secure one carton 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 9 1/2 in size.

3. The person receiving a carton may fill it with any combination of articles which will fit in it, and which are not barred by the Post Office department. When completely packed and ready for mailing the weight of the carton must not exceed three pounds.

4. Parcels ready for shipment will be presented at place designated where Red Cross representatives will examine the contents.

Bear In Mind These Facts When Packing Christmas Parcels

No messages or notes of any kind can be enclosed. Nothing should go in a Christmas parcel which will not keep fresh from the time of packing until Christmas.

Dried fruit and other food products should be packed in small tin or wooden boxes, one quarter to one half pound size.

Hard candy, including chocolate, would probably be safe in tin foil or heavy card board, but no soft chocolates nor anything that would possibly be crushed should be used, as the remaining contents of the packages might be spoiled thereby.

Several dainties packed in oblong tin boxes, holding a quarter of a pound will provide a better variety for a packet than a larger quantity of a single confection.

No liquids nor articles packed in glass should be packed in the package. No friction matches or cigarette lighters.

AERO MAIL DIRECTOR

AT MEN'S CLUB MEET

The Winnetka Men's club will have its first dinner of the year at Community House next Tuesday evening, October 29, at 7 o'clock.

The speaker of the evening will be Captain B. B. Lipsner, director of United States Aero Mail Service and formerly director Military Aeronautics, U. S. A.

Christ Church Reopens

Christ church Sunday school will reopen on Sunday, October 27, at 9:30 o'clock, in the parish house, corner Oak and Linden streets.

Start "Gym" Classes

The Gymnasium classes in Community house will begin next week, Monday, October 28. The Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts will also meet.

French Notables and Peasants Honor Lafayette's Birthday, says Dr. Brown

Another of Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown's highly interesting letters reached the office of the Winnetka Weekly Talk this week. The letter is addressed to friends in the Village and is a splendid depiction of the celebration of Lafayette's birthday in the little French village where she is conducting relief work among the French refugee children. The letter reads:

Dear Home Folks:—

In my last letter I promised to write you about how we celebrated the anniversary of Lafayette's birthday, September 6, for which we had been making many preparations. Well, our fete was a grand success. The day was an especially beautiful one. There had been a good rain, the first in three months, which had washed the dust-laden ivy, gray with the plaster thrown down from the roofs. The chateau grounds had been cleaned of all the debris, the accumulation of years of neglect, the old carriage house was emptied for the Cinema that was sent down from Paris, and here for the first time in their lives, many people had the pleasure of looking at moving pictures. It was a great event for us all. There were films of Chateau Thierry, Alsace, and other places of interest, also one showing our life at Chateau Lafayette, in which your doctor figures several times.

The grand salon had been emptied of its 38 beds and cleared for an exhibit of laces made in our department. Prizes were awarded for this work, many samples of which have been sent to America to create a demand for this beautiful lace there and so help the poor women who have made it.

The band from Clermont came to play for us. They were not the same men who were here on July 14. All of those have had their dearest wish gratified, have been to the front, and some of them have made the supreme sacrifice. Others have been put into service as stretcher-bearers, and have been injured, gassed or killed. A ruling has recently been made forbidding this as it "spoils the band" which all the American boys

love; but much to the displeasure of the boys themselves whose desire is to be at the front. There were many visitors at the fete, a French, and an American General, Colonels, Captains, Marquises, Barons, Counts, all walks of life represented to do honor to the great man who helped to make the independence of the United States a possibility. Among others present, was the old guard of the Chateau who has been sick ever since I came and long before. About three weeks ago he prepared to die, but he came to the fete, walking down from the village near the top of the mountain. He was so happy to be there. I saw that he had a sandwich and a glass of beer, without which no peasants meal is really complete. We had prepared meals for 700 guests but could not provide for all who came.

Our luncheon this time was served in a formal manner, in the room which is to be our family dining room. Here were seated all the representatives of various countries and organizations, including our Mayor who felt it his duty to make a speech which he had carefully written; it was a masterpiece and well executed. After luncheon we walked through the old corridors to the front of the chateau where our boys stood in line and one sang "A la noble Amerique" the rest joining in the chorus. Then the French general made a most appealing address and after finishing he walked up to our General and kissed him on both cheeks, a French custom which is very touching and reverent. He has been through so much and appreciates deeply the coming of the Americans to the assistance of France. He thanked me also for the work I am doing here and so made Winnetka a partaker in our festival. After promising to repeat the Cinema on Sunday for the benefit of many who were not able to be there, our long-looked-for celebration closed. It had been a red-letter day in the lives of many peasants as well as dignitaries.

With love,

From Alice Barlow-Brown.

Winnetka Residents to Hear Gov. Lowden in Talk Favoring Good Roads for Illinois

"Pull Illinois out of the mud!" A vigorous and spectacular campaign to urge Illinois voters to do just that thing will be launched on October 30, headed by Governor Frank O. Lowden, who will address a public meeting in Evanston at 9 a. m. of that date in Fountain square on the subject of good roads. James A. Patten will preside at the meeting. It is expected that 3,000 people will hear Governor Lowden's speech. Wilmette and other north shore municipalities are urged to send official and lay delegation, to rouse enthusiasm on the good roads project and stir voters to indorse at the polls, November 5, the \$60,000,000 state bond issue that will give Illinois 4,800 miles of smooth, hard highway.

Is Illinois Day

Governor Lowden has designated the day officially as "Illinois Good Roads day" and on it he will make two speeches besides the one at Evanston. One will be at the Association of Commerce luncheon at the La Salle hotel and the other at some place yet to be decided upon on the south side. Governor Lowden will drive from Chicago to Evanston with W. G. Edens, president of the Illinois Highway Improvement association. The Evanston committee of arrangements is A. H. Bowman, John T. Stockton and Perkins B. Bass.

The governor has already proved himself a staunch supporter of the good roads movement. In a statement to the voters of Illinois he indorses it warmly and calls attention to its important features. "While our hearts and fortunes are set on the winning of the war, we know that peace will come ultimately, because we are going to win a victory that will force our kind of peace. And

when peace comes we are going to be ready for it by such wise foresight as providing for the great project of a state system of roads."

Must Await War's End

It is pointed out that no work of construction will be begun until the close of the war, since all labor and all energy must now be devoted to winning the war. The day is anticipated, however, when the state and the nation must take the lead in great public improvements to turn business and labor back into normal channels.

The entire cost of the proposed bond issue will be paid by automobile license fees, which have already been fixed by law. There will be no direct tax, and unless a man owns a car the project will not cost him a cent. It is estimated that, considering production; transportation and construction, more than \$30,000,000 of the \$60,000,000 will go to labor. Incidentally, much profitable work will be provided for many of America's returned soldiers after the war. Labor organizations throughout the state have endorsed enthusiastically the good roads movement.

Complete in Five Years

The details of construction and the location of the roads are to be determined by the state department of public works. The roads are to be durable and well-paved and the entire system will be completed within five years after construction begins.

In the opinion of far-sighted men, if this bond issue fails it will be years before a road system can be completed by other plans. Good roads in Illinois are now only a wish. On November 5 voters will have the power to say whether they shall not become a reality.

FIRST TRAVEL TALK LECTURE ON OCTOBER 27

The first of the Newman Picture lectures will be given Sunday evening, October 27. Please keep in mind this date. The lecture on Paris will be given then.

Ravinia Club Meeting

The Winnetka committee of the Ravinia club will hold a meeting on Monday, October 28 at 3 p. m., at 776 Prospect avenue, for the purpose of electing officers for the following year. All who are interested are urged to be present.

Mrs. F. R. Greene, chairman.

LIBERTY LOAN REPORT INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC PASSES DANGER POINT

Mrs. Allan I. Wolff reports the subscriptions for Liberty bonds according to districts up to the close of the "drive", Saturday, October 19, as follows:

District No. 1. Elm street, Willow street, Railroad tracks, Sheridan road, \$73,850.

District No. 2. Willow street, Winnetka avenue, Sheridan road, Railroad tracks, \$35,100.

District No. 3. Railroad tracks, Skokie valley, Hill road, Winnetka avenue, \$9,550.

District No. 4. Hill road, Willow street, Railroad tracks, \$48,350.

District No. 5. Elm street, Willow street, Railroad tracks, \$39,200.

District No. 6. Provident avenue, Skokie valley, Elm street, Willow street, \$7,350.

District No. 7. Railroad tracks, Elm street, Pine street, Skokie valley, \$23,400.

District No. 8. Railroad tracks, Skokie valley, Pine street, Fig street, \$21,750.

District No. 9. Railroad tracks, Skokie valley, Fig street, \$22,250.

District No. 10. North avenue, Scott avenue, Railroad tracks, Skokie valley, \$53,500.

District No. 11. Railroad tracks, Sheridan road, North avenue Scott avenue, \$97,900.

District No. 12. North avenue, Pine street, Railroad tracks, \$50,500.

District No. 13. Railroad tracks, Sheridan road, Pine street, Elm street, \$72,150.

District No. 14. Elm street, North avenue, Sheridan road, Prospect avenue, \$50,550.

District No. 15. East of Sheridan road, north and south of Elm street, \$121,100.

Headquarters, \$106,500.

Total amount of subscriptions, \$833,000.

Quota, \$660,000.

Star of Gold

Edwin C. Larned, son of Mrs. W. C. Larned and the late W. C. Larned, died October 11 of pneumonia at Bordeaux, France. He went overseas with the American Red Cross, and was buried in the Red Cross cemetery.

Mr. Larned was 32 years of age, a graduate of Harvard university, and a member of the University club of Chicago. He was owner of the Loop Garage on Lake street, Chicago.

Mr. Larned was a brother of Mrs. Frank W. Blatchford, 605 Arbor Vitae road.

RED CROSS CALL FINDS WINNETKA WOMEN ON THE JOB

Prompt response from Winnetka women to an emergency call from Red Cross headquarters during the past few days has again demonstrated why Winnetka has already won a well deserved place on the Honor Roll of the American Red Cross.

On Friday evening, October 18, when a message came to the chairman of the Hospital Garment committee, Mrs. George Farnsworth, asking for 5,000 gauze masks to be made at once, 1,000 to be furnished within twenty-four hours, the response was "We will do it."

No time was lost by the heads of Winnetka Red Cross auxiliary in getting the workers ready. Telephones began to buzz. Like good soldiers the women dropped their more immediate work for this greater call. They laid aside their sewing, put off the fall house cleaning and deferred the canning to respond to this emergency need.

Saturday morning found them organized with working groups in all sections of the Village. By Saturday noon 750 masks were ready and by that evening 1,000 were completed and shipped to Chicago.

Each day since then these groups have been working valiantly not only at the parish house but in Hubbard Woods, at the different homes, in Community House and in the different circles of the Congregational church. Early and late they have worked at this huge order and so well systematized has been the work that these masks have been turned out at the rate of about 1,000 a day and the entire order finished in about five days.

It is such a spirit of response that has placed Winnetka in high esteem at Red Cross headquarters. Because of the excellence of the regular work turned out through this auxiliary, Winnetka has been asked to furnish the working models of the hospital garments for the Central Division of the Red Cross.

Schools and Churches Open Though Ban on Public Meetings Is Still In Force; Children Under Observation

CLUB HOSPITAL IS CLOSED

New Cases Average About Six Each Day During Period of Week, says Health Commissioner

By C. O. Schneider, M. D. (Commissioner of Health)

The epidemic of influenza in Winnetka is showing a slight improvement over the past week, as there are now being reported only an average of about six new cases per day. This is quite a fortunate condition in view of the fact that church services have been resumed and the schools have all been in session during the past week, with a good attendance.

The splendid co-operation of the parents and teachers, together with the fine corps of women working under the direction of Miss Garretson, the visiting nurse, has made it possible to give children the necessary amount of supervision, so that up to the present time the results would seem to indicate that the opening of schools has been fully justified.

Must Observe These Rules

In our effort to prevent the spread of influenza among children the following rules are being enforced, and parents are advised to avoid exposing their children to this disease in other communities.

1. Children must not be in school if they have colds, or manifest such symptoms as coughing, sneezing, chills, or fever as these are the early indications of influenza.

2. Children who have influenza must remain at home for one week after their temperature becomes normal.

3. Children must not be in school when there is a case of influenza in the home or return to school until one week after the patient's temperature has become normal.

4. The children are expected to go directly to their homes from school. There should be no loitering on the streets.

5. Influenza is still epidemic in Chicago and surrounding communities. Therefore, parents are urged to keep their children at home. Parents who take their children away from home on street cars and trains, shopping, or to places of amusement are running the risk of exposing them to influenza.

Rules for Grown-Ups

Grown people are particularly susceptible to this disease, and for their protection, the State Department of Public Health order and direct that until further notice:

1. Visiting at hospitals is prohibited, except in case of emergency.

2. Public dances and dance halls closed.

3. Night schools closed.

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"WAYSIDE PARK" NOW BELONGS TO WINNETKA

The Winnetka Park District has received a deed from Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hibbard conveying to the district the Wayside park at the southeast corner of Willow road and Lake street.

This property was donated for park purpose more than a year and a half ago but was not then conveyed as the donors expressed a desire to further improve the property before turning it over. Since that time a shelter house has been built, a well for drinking water driven and shrubbery planted.

Winnetka citizens who venture out into the Skokie will find this little wayside park a most attractive spot and feel that the Village is greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard. The park will form an essential part of the ultimate park system of Winnetka as now outlined.

FRANCIS HOUGHTELING IS PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Francis Stockbridge Houghteling, oldest son of Mrs. James L. Houghteling, 731 Prospect avenue, died Friday, October 18, of influenza-pneumonia. He was 34 years old and unmarried. Two weeks ago, because of defective vision, he was rejected for admittance to the artillery officers' training camp at Louisville, Ky. Two brothers are in the service—Captain William Houghteling and Captain James L. Houghteling, Jr.