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Your War Work

There are few people who have time and opportunity for service who are not expressing a desire to do war work. Everybody wishes to be busy in these stirring times, if for no other reason than because their friends are all busy and there is no one with whom to spend a leisure of which they frequently feel a little bit ashamed.

And there is war work for all, if only it were recognized and those who are wanting to do war work had the vision to recognize it or were not so vague in their idea of what kind of war work that they cannot see immediate needs.

As a matter of fact any thing that helps the country to win the war is war work in the largest sense. It is not necessary for the woman with a family of little children to leave her home and devote herself to doing some public duty. She can do no better war work than that involved in rearing her family to be useful citizens. It is not necessary for the housewife to go elsewhere for service if in so doing she has to leave her household tasks to someone who can manage less efficiently, with a resultant waste of food materials and clothing. It is not necessary for the person in business to seek work elsewhere when by so doing he cripples an essential industry in which he has been employed.

All sorts of essential work is war work in the fullest sense, and no other kind should be permitted. Under the ideal conditions one who has been idle should become busy with the task best fitted to his ability in some of the new industries or in filling a vacancy occasioned by calling men into the service of the country. One who has been doing a useful task should continue in it unless he is able to do something specific for the government better than other available men.

We are approaching, slowly to be sure, that condition of industry organized on a war basis which is essential to the best effort of the country. When we have reached that goal we shall find each individual civilian filling the industrial niche to which he is best adapted, just as the conscripted soldier is set at doing the thing that he can do best. Until that time comes, there should be voluntary conscription, if such a combination is possible, a self determination to stick at a task which one is doing well until convinced that there is another place in which one can give greater service.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW WILL AID CHILD STATION

By L. K. S.

The Infant Welfare station at Gross Point is still closed by orders of the State department of Health. It will be reopened as soon as permission is granted by those in authority. In the meantime the floor has been repaired and once more cleaned.

Mrs. John Hardin of Hubbard Woods is showing an interest in the station, among her many other civic and philanthropic undertakings. She has offered to admit the public to her chrysanthemum show as soon as the blooming time occurs about November 7. A small admission fee will be charged, all of which will be donated to our station.

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood considers our station the finest flower thus far, of her child welfare work in Chicago. The story of our small beginning is being widely quoted. —L. K. S.

War Emergency Union Activities

A Word of Cheer and Encouragement from A Disabled Boy

The following letter was written by Lucien Granier who was wounded in the Somme battle in 1916. His arm was amputated at the shoulder and his hip bone cut off which makes his right leg stiff, besides being 20 centimeters shorter than the left. The nurse who took care of him when he was hovering near death says, "This boy who was a simple driver at the Elysee Palace, after his wound was healed, set to work and studied enough to be accepted at the court house and his letter which I sent you written with his left hand will tell you of his mentality: My dear Nurse:

I am happy to be able to tell you that while waiting for an answer to my request for a position in the court house I have found employment as accountant at the hotel Edward VII. I have control of the cellar and take charge of what is dispensed. My duties are very light, and not in the least tiring. I am very happy; my wages are higher than what I had hoped to receive and my comrades in the office do what they can to help me. I shall never be able to say how contented I am to learn that in spite of my infirmities I am able to support myself. Please, my dear nurse, accept the best wishes from your devoted "blesse".
Lucien Granier,
13 rue St. Severin,
Paris.

Help The Red Cross Gather Up More Tin

(Uncle Sam will be short 5,000 tons of this useful metal without public help.)

The Red Cross needs more tin—all kinds—and is planning a country-wide campaign to obtain it. State Council organizations are asked to co-operate.

The need for "tin" of the negotiable variety is not more pressing than the need for the metal itself. The government has discovered that there will be a deficit of 5,000 tons of tin needed for war construction, unless that amount is salvaged from the tin usually thrown away.

For that reason the Red Cross has undertaken the collection of tin foil and collapsible tubes and the like on a larger scale than has heretofore been attempted.

Local chapters will place baskets and boxes in stores, hotel lobbies and public places where articles containing tin may be dropped. The Junior Red Cross and Boy Scouts will also help with the collection, and persons are asked to save and turn in all they may have on hand or obtain in the future.

Burning Leaves Like Burning Real Money

(State Council commends lesson in frugality taught by practice of State institutions.)

In almost every city, town, village and hamlet of Illinois during these autumn days, people can be seen raking up leaves and burning them in bonfires. However there are some citizens that are frugal and know the value of leaves in building up the fertility of the land and they are saving this material for compost. It is mixed with manure and lime piled in compost heaps, and decomposes into fertilizer.

Burning leaves is robbing the soil of something that can be put back representing millions of dollars in value to the people.

High prices, due to the war, have caused the twenty-three state institutions under the control of the Department of Public Welfare, to save wherever possible and a strenuous effort has been made to increase the yield of their farms and gardens.

Information Wanted Of Men in the Service

In order to complete the records of the Winnetka War Emergency Union, information concerning the present location and the families of William G. Hill, Aviation, overseas, and Ensign Huntington T. Morse, U. S. N., at sea, will be gratefully received.

Please forward information to the Winnetka War Emergency Union office, Community House, Winnetka, telephone 1000.

WAR PERSONALS

Donald L. Smith, Ensign U. S. N., is at home on furlough after an attack of pneumonia following influenza.

Rae H. Smith, 2nd Lieut. U. S. Air Service in France, who has been seriously ill in a French hospital, has fully recovered and has resumed flying.

Robert M. Felsenthal has enlisted in the S. A. T. C. at Boston School

of Technology.

Harry D. Orwil who is with the 602nd Engineers, overseas, has been made a Corporal.

Harry P. Clarke is Divisional Athletic Director, Y M C A. in Chaumont, France.

Paul Soule who received the commission of Ensign a few weeks ago is now stationed at the Municipal Pier, Chicago.

Have You A Victrola To Give Away?

A request has come to the office of the War Emergency Union for a small portable victrola to be used in one of the camps. Have you such a one to give away and also a few records, if so, kindly notify the office of the War Emergency Union at once, Winnetka 1000.

Summer Garden Work

(From "The Messenger.")

Winnetka may well be proud of her gardens this summer. The good work of last year has been carried on and improved upon and no doubt will be further developed another year. A careful survey of the entire field was made by a committee of 60 women working under the auspices of the War Emergency Union. Over 1,300 home were visited and of these about 1,000 had gardens and 300 had none. One hundred and thirteen reported surplus crops which the owners were willing to give away or sell. The making use of this surplus is always a difficult problem. It was solved in a large measure by the sale of vegetables at the Community House every Saturday afternoon by a committee of women under the direction of Mrs. Samuel Hallett Greeley. This movement was inspired by the success of the French market given in May for the benefit of the Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown fund. The vegetables were sold at very low prices, the main idea being to distribute as many as possible rather than make money. Notwithstanding this policy the profits were \$170, which was given to the Brown fund.

Prize Contest

The most interesting feature of the summer's work was the prize garden contest open to all gardens planted and cared for by the owners or members of his or her household. There were 100 entries. The committee of judges consisted of Mrs. Walter F. Wallace, chairman; Mrs. Charles W. Hubbard, Mrs. George D. Forrest, Mrs. Harold Beck, Mrs. Harry Orwig, Mrs. J. R. Dickinson and Mrs. Arthur M. Barrett. The original plan was to award three prizes but the judges decided to divide the gardens into two groups of "War Gardens" and "Home Gardens," and to award two prizes in each group.

Home Gardens

First prize—Mrs. Clarence Randall, 1088 Pine street.

Second prize—Mrs. Frank Wagner 610 Rosewood avenue.

Honorable mention—Albert E. Tilroe, 978 Oak street; Mrs. Gustav Nelson, 849 Elm street; Allen T. Weinstock, 1096 Spruce street; Mrs. Wilson A. Reid, 516 Cherry street; Mrs. Jonas Madsen, 548 Fir street.

War Gardens

First prize—Miss Hanson, 1051 Cherry street.

Second prize—A. E. Bechtelheimer 565 Fir street.

Honorable mention—Kenneth McLain, Mrs. Lawrence Howe's Circle, Lincoln Avenue Circle, Junior Navy League Circle, William H. Burgdorff, E. F. Betts.

To all of the above the thanks of the community are due. They have accomplished in full measure the ask they set out to perform and their success no doubt has been and will be an inspiration to many others to do their share in the all important work of helping to feed the world.

Garden Committee of the War Emergency Union.

Re-open Sunday School

The Winnetka Congregational church school will resume its work Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Children who have colds or whose family have the influenza must not come.

Class in "The Six Crucial Hours of the Life of Jesus"

A Bible class under the leadership of Mr. Richards will meet at the Congregational church on Tuesday mornings at 10 o'clock. Beginning next Tuesday morning, October 29. This will be the study of the life of Jesus. All those who can come are welcome.

Class for Teachers and Parents

The war has seriously caused many to feel a new responsibility of the parents in the training of children and the value of education. Here is an opportunity to think along the lines of the development of child-

hood and teaching of the youth. A class is to be held on Tuesday even-

ing at Community House and all parents and those desiring to teach will be welcome. The first meeting will be at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, October 23.

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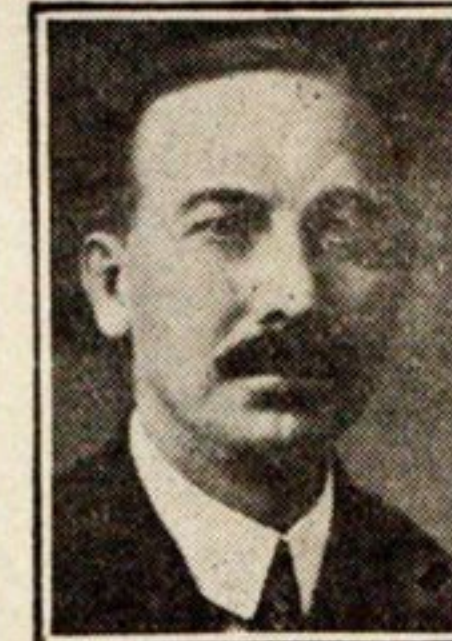
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The Service Star of Blue That Turned to Gold

The brilliant victory of Edwin A. Olsen, Republican nominee for County Judge at the primary, September 11th, brought rejoicing to his home, and particularly so to his soldier son, Edwin A., Jr., 19 years of age, who came in from Fort Sheridan on that day to get the election returns. A week later young Olsen was taken ill with Spanish influenza and pneumonia, and on the day he was to have received his commission as a Second Lieutenant the blue service star in the window of his parents' home, 3030 Sheridan Road, turned to gold. Such is the experience in millions of homes in this war-stricken world today, an ever-changing panorama of clouds and sunshine. May the terrible conflict soon be over is the sincere prayer of all.



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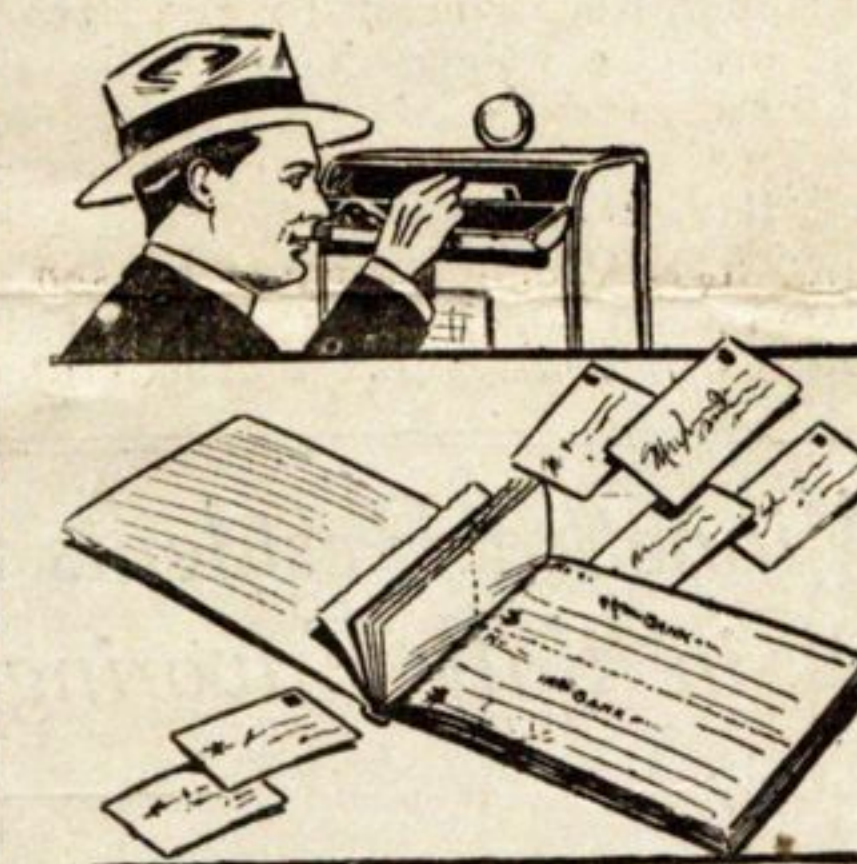
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