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## ACCIDENT COSTS LIFE OF PROMINENT WOMAN

Mrs. Thomas M. Braithwaite Succumbs to Injuries Sustained when Dress Catches Fire

### A POPULAR LEADER HERE

Dies in St. Petersburg, Florida; Remains Placed in Vault Until Spring

Mrs. Thomas M. Braithwaite, prominent in Wilmette church and club circles, died in St. Petersburg, Florida, Thursday, Jan. 9, from injuries sustained in an accident in her apartments when her clothing caught fire from an open gas heater.

Mrs. Braithwaite, who was spending the winter months in the south with her husband, was dusting her room in a hotel when her dress caught fire from the gas heater. Mr. Braithwaite was successful in smothering the flames only after she had been severely burned. She died soon after as a result of the shock.

### Pioneer Club Member

Mrs. Braithwaite was one of the pioneer members of the Wilmette Woman's club and was keenly interested in philanthropic work. She was one of the most active workers in the Methodist church. She was one of the organizers of the "Daughters of the British Empire" and an enthusiastic Red Cross worker.

Mrs. Braithwaite was born in England. She had been a resident of Wilmette more than 26 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Braithwaite went to St. Petersburg in November because of Mr. Braithwaite's health.

Funeral services were conducted in St. Petersburg and the body placed in a vault. The remains will be removed to Chicago in the Spring.

A memorial service conducted by Dr. Solon C. Bronson of Evanston, will be held at 4:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, January 26, at the Wilmette Methodist church, to which all friends are invited.

## MRS. BERTHA N. JENKS VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

A letter received this week by a Wilmette acquaintance of the Jenks family of Denver, Colorado, announces the death on December 20, of Mrs. Bertha Newcomb Jenks, the mother.

Death was caused by double-pneumonia. Burial was in Denver where the Jenks family have lived since leaving Wilmette several years ago.

Mrs. Jenks was a native of Wilmette and lived in the Village for many years. She had a wide circle of friends on the north shore.

Surviving Mrs. Jenks are the husband, Burr Jenks, a son Charles, and 3 daughters, Hanna, Winnifred and Bertha.

## PLAN ANOTHER MEETING TO DISCUSS SOLDIER AID

A representative of the government recently spoke of the nation's plan for the care of the crippled soldiers, under the auspices of the Winnetka Woman's club. The information given was said to have been a great disappointment to the club members and the audience, so that the officers of the club have announced the intention of giving Winnetka residents another opportunity to hear of the important and interesting work. Plans are under way to secure another speaker for a meeting to be held soon.

### Don't Stop Saving

The government still needs the help of the "little savers," as well as that of the large investors. Series of 1919 War Savings stamps are on sale at this office. Don't let your patriotism die with the war. The percentage of big bond holders may be low, but 100,000,000 patriots can buy War Savings stamps and get the thrift habit at the same time. Thrift means national strength. It is insurance against future want. There is no better way of practicing thrift than by purchase of War Savings stamps, and none safer. Hold on to those you have purchased until maturity. Save for tomorrow by buying today.

A. M. Kloefer, Postmaster.

## Dies Suddenly At Daughter's Home

Mrs. Thomas H. Learned, mother of Mrs. Robert E. Hall of Prospect avenue, died suddenly on Monday morning, December 30, at the home of her daughter. The remains were taken to Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

## Returned Red Cross Worker Advises-- "Write Cheery Letters to Your Boys"

"When you write to that man in France don't tell him to hurry home. It is your duty to advise patience. Make him contented."

That is the appeal of Captain G. A. Barrett, 250 Wentworth street, Hubbard Woods, who returned home Wednesday from France where he has been attached to the American Red Cross.

"Write the boys cheery letters. They are very susceptible to the sentiments expressed in the home letters. Write more often than you ever did. Now is the time the boys need encouragement, more encouragement than when they were in the thick of battle," continued Captain Barrett.

Captain Barrett touched upon the reconstruction work and that the army of occupation.

"Now that the strain of the fighting is over," he said, "the natural reaction has set in. The men need cheer to perform the unusual and exceedingly difficult task confronting them. Uncle Sam will take care of them and send them back when the right time comes. Meanwhile they must remain and do the work which is equally as essential as the fighting was in the day of the war."

### Work Offers Splendid Opportunity

"The work of reconstruction and the duties of the army of occupation offer splendid opportunities to men who will be observing. It will afford a veritable education and is a wonderful thing for the men."

Captain Barrett was on the Argonne front in charge of the distribution of Red Cross supplies to the men. He was on duty in that sector on Armistice day.

"I was in charge of the free distribution of tobacco and other Red Cross supplies to the men," he said, "and I want to say that the comfort

kits the people at home donated were indispensable. They were just the right thing and the men actually lived out of them. The men want to express their appreciation of this splendid item of their equipment."

### Men Need Complete Rest

Captain Barrett advocated complete rest for every man returning from action rather than the hurried attempts to at once place them at work.

"No one who has not been through the fighting can imagine the terrible hardship and strain. It is indescribable. The men must have complete rest. The day the Armistice was signed the reaction was evident. The men just seemed to collapse. They couldn't believe the good news and repeatedly inquired: 'Is it true? Is the war really over?' Armistice day was a sacred event to the boys in the Argonne region."

Captain Barrett spent three months in France with the Red Cross. He returned to America on the U. S. S. Pocahontas arriving at Newport News, Va. He was in charge of several wounded men and officers aboard ship. On the vessel were the 126th and 338th Field Artillery, the 106th Ammunition train, 33 wounded men and 8 wounded officers.

He was attached to the 90th Division of the 3rd army after the armistice was concluded, caring for returning prisoners. He was established at times in Longwy, in Luxembourg City, Treves, Trier and Coblenz on the Rhine. Prior to the Armistice he was on duty in the front lines in the Argonne region. He has received his honorable discharge and is returning for a long rest at home. He is suffering slightly from shell shock.

Captain Barrett was engaged in tree culture on the north shore before entering the service of the Red Cross.

## Invite Girls to Join Neighborhood Club

Several years ago a club was formed at Community House to help girls working in private homes to become better acquainted and to have pleasant intercourse with each other. This club meets each Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. F. Copeland acts as chairman. Other officers are appointed from among the members. Those who wish may go into the gym for a good time there, learning to dance both social and folk dances; playing games of ball, marching and exercising, under the supervision of Mrs. Harry P. Clarke. Those who do not care for

so much activity may sew, knit, or spend the evening as they see fit, with songs and quiet games.

Besides this fun on Tuesday evenings the club room and kitchen is open any Thursday afternoon and evening for the use of girls who would like to spend their free day there, getting their own supper or entertaining their friends.

During the year one or two parties and dances are usually held. The membership dues for the year are \$2. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 21. Any girl working in a private home is invited to join the club.

## At the Woman's Club

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held January 9, at the clubhouse. Mrs. Prouty presiding. The following notices were given:

A meeting of the Tenth Federation will be held, January 27, at the Edgewater club.

Notice is called to the Saturday Morning Art classes for children held at the clubhouse.

Mrs. Porter announced the fifth annual convention of vocational education to be held January 16, 17 and 18, at the Congress hotel. Among the speakers will be Julia Lathrop, Abram Flexner, Mr. Prosser and Miss Agnes Nestor. All women interested in this subject are urged to attend one or more of the meetings.

Mr. Rhodes announced the usual course of lectures to be held at Skokie school, beginning January 14.

Mrs. Alschuler then introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Cooley. He spoke on "Vocational Education." His interest was chiefly in the continuation schools.

### Suffers Severe Cold

Superintendent E. N. Rhodes of the public schools has been confined to his home for several days suffering a severe cold.

## PATRIOTIC MEETING

On Sunday evening, January 26, the great war film "Under Four Flags" will be shown in Community House, at a Patriotic meeting, at 8 o'clock.

## SMITH DEATH REPORT CALLED UNOFFICIAL

Information appearing in recent issues of a Chicago paper purporting to the death of Lieutenant Cedric Smith, former Wilmette man, is without basis in fact, according to Mrs. Charles Smith of Chicago, mother of the aviator.

The name of Lieutenant Cedric Smith appeared in the casualty list of a Chicago paper late last week. A memorial service was held last Sunday at the Wilmette Methodist church, it was said, at which time it was inferred the young pilot had been killed in action.

Rumors of Lieutenant Smith's death were circulated several weeks ago. The information found its source in letters from France from friends of the aviator.

Mrs. Smith this week announced to the editor of the Lake Shore News that she had no official word from the War department concerning her son.

Paul Lobanoff, government worker in Washington, recently made an investigation at the War department and was advised that, though Smith had met with an accident on the day before the armistice was signed, he had since recovered from his injuries.

Mr. Phillips, formerly instructor at New Trier High school, since engaged in war work in Paris, met Lieutenant Smith in the French capital on armistice day, he writes, at which time the aviator spoke of the accident. Lieutenant Smith remarked he had had a narrow escape, Phillips writes, but that he had recovered completely from his injuries.

## "FIGHTING ROOSEVELTS" AT HOYBURN NEXT WEEK

"The Fighting Roosevelts," an authorized film version of the life and works of Theodore Roosevelt, will be presented on the north shore for the first time at the Hoyburn theater, Evanston, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 22, 23, 24.

The film is the product of the organization which made "My Four Years in Germany" such a decidedly successful presentation.

"The Fighting Roosevelts" is generally regarded as a classic in motion picture art and it is expected that north shore residents interested in the life of the great American leader will avail themselves of the splendid opportunity of viewing the production near home.

Douglas Fairbanks appears at the Hoyburn on Friday and Wallace Reid on Saturday of this week. On Monday and Tuesday of next week the production "Little Women" will head the bill.

## ALFRED J. CREIGHTON BURIED AT ROSEHILL

Funeral services for Alfred Jenkins Creighton, who died at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago on Tuesday, were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the residence of his son Alfred B. Creighton, 943 Oak street. Burial was at Rosehill.

Mr. Creighton had been a resident of Canada for many years but came to live with his son in Winnetka last summer. He was 78 years of age.

## WINNETKA FLYER LEAVES \$25,300 TO HIS MOTHER

The mother and sister of Roswell Hayes Fuller, aviation lieutenant killed in France September 2, will share his \$25,300 estate. His will was filed for probate early this week, leaving his property to his mother, Mrs. Laura Hayes Fuller, and Phoebe Franklin Fuller.

## WINNETKA STATE BANK HOLDS ANNUAL BALLOT

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Board of directors of the Winnetka State bank Wednesday.

President, John R. Leonard; Vice-president, Louis G. Kuppenheimer; Cashier, Henry R. Hale; Assistant cashier, Sanborn Hale.

### Tenth District Clubs Meet

Members of the various clubs along the north shore will be interested in the meeting of the Tenth District Federation of Woman's clubs to be held at the Edgewater Beach hotel, on Monday, January 27. The North End club will be the hostess.

taxes which increase prices and reduce the purchasing power of salaries and wages.

## ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL AT SUNDAY EVE. CLUB

Judge Ben B. Lindsay, Personal Friend of the Ex-President, To Be Principle Speaker

### WERE INTIMATE FRIENDS

Has Interesting Story to Tell of Personal Relations with the Colonel

Memorial services for Theodore Roosevelt will be held jointly by the Wilmette Sunday Evening club and the Wilmette Church Union, Sunday evening, January 19. The occasion and the program will be one of the most important of the season of local meetings and is planned to commemorate fittingly the life and deeds of the great ex-president.

### Were Close Friends

There will be special music for the services and the principal address will be given by Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Denver. Not only is Judge Lindsay a favorite with Wilmette audiences, having appeared here during previous seasons, but he was one of the closest of Colonel Roosevelt's personal friends.

It was papers of the manuscript of one of his books which helped to stop the assassin's bullet which nearly killed the great statesman. It was he whom the Kaiser asked to intercede with the ex-president in behalf of a German peace.

### Has Interesting Story

Judge Lindsay's recent address before the Chicago Association of Commerce was replete with intimate and personal remembrances of the Colonel. His message to Wilmette will be no less interesting.

## POSTAL EMPLOYEES RECEIVE WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

In the wake of the announcement in a recent issue of the Talk that carrier L. P. Schaefer of the local post office had been awarded a War Savings Service certificate by the Illinois War Savings committee, comes the information that every clerk and mail carrier in the local office as well as the assistant postmaster and clerk in charge had been awarded War Savings Service certificates in recognition of splendid work in the sale of Thrift stamps and War Savings certificates.

### Does Reconstruction Work

Miss Alice Baker, physical director in the public schools, left yesterday for Camp Pike, Ark., to take up reconstruction work among the wounded men. On Wednesday afternoon she held a farewell party for her dancing class, which has been meeting at the Winnetka Woman's club. The class is to be continued under the supervision of Miss Esther Grantham, physical director at Girton school.

### Auto Injures Rake Girl

Mary Rake, the 7 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Rake of Ridge and Harrison avenues, Wilmette, was run over Tuesday afternoon by a seven-passenger Hudson automobile driven by Charles Schmidt of Chicago. The accident occurred opposite the Memorial Park cemetery. Although the front wheel of the car passed over the little girl's stomach her physician declared she had a fair chance of recovery.

The little girl was returning home from school with a group of other children all walking in the middle of the road. They were caught between a buggy driven by Sam Hoth of Wilmette and the large touring car. The Rake girl stepped in the path of the machine and a front wheel passed over her body. She was attended by Dr. Ernest J. Ford of Evanston.

### Catholic Women Meet

A meeting of the North Shore Catholic Woman's league was held yesterday afternoon at the Winnetka Woman's clubhouse.

### Dancing Club Opens Season

The North Shore Dancing club opened the season with the first of a series of dances last Tuesday evening, at the Winnetka Woman's club. The next affair is scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 28.

Mrs. C. R. Shepherd, 839 Linden avenue, will be hostess to the Rosewood circle on Wednesday, January 29.