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The Fort Sheridan Auxiliary

There will be an element of relief to many people who have been more or less concerned about the welfare of the wounded and shell shocked men at Fort Sheridan that a committee has been organized in their behalf, with the proper facilities for determining actual conditions and the means of correcting where correction is needed and of contributing whatever is desirable to the equipment of the hospital.

No one would have the men who have been returned from the front wounded, either in body or in mind, suffer any hardship from which they might be saved. The public realizes the magnitude of the sacrifice which many of them have made and is willing to do anything possible to remove its bad effects or to contribute in any way possible to their comfort or happiness. But it serves neither purpose for unauthorized people to send abroad rumors of bad conditions, however good the intention may be behind the report.

The people of the north shore will be ready to respond to any call that may be made upon them through the Fort Sheridan auxiliary and will rest assured that until such a call comes there is no reason to be unduly exercised about the welfare of the men who have been stationed there.

Slipping Back

It is the exceptional household which has not found itself quietly slipping back into the easy ways of indifference and extravagance in the use of food since the restrictions of the Food Administration have been lifted and it is possible to buy whatever fancy dictates, provided the purse can stand the strain.

In a way it has been unfortunate that the experience of the American people with the need to economize closely in the provision of food for the family should have been so short lived. We were learning many valuable lessons in the school of experience and necessity, lessons which we would do well to continue into the future of peace. But peace has come before we have translated the new methods into habit and the ease of the old way puts temptation in our way so strongly that it is only in rare instances that the new survives.

No one would have had the war continue for even one hour beyond the time of its close, but there would have been a distinct gain to the American people if the restrictions that made necessary the practice of greater economy in the household had prevailed for another season, at least.

This Must be Done Now

There are some results of the war that must wait upon time for treatment and correction. The work of the Peace Conference must necessarily be slow and deliberate in order that mistakes may not be made, mistakes which would impair the safety of the world for the future and perhaps bring injustice to the peoples who will be affected by the policies established through the work of the conference.

But there are certain things that cannot wait, things that must be done at once, if they are to be done at all. Such an one is the relief of Armenia and Syria. There is no time for organizing a new machinery of aid, no time to work out a new policy

War Emergency Union Activities

PATRIOTIC MEETING

WELCOMES BLACKHAWKS AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

Community House gymnasium was crowded Sunday evening, January 26, to welcome home the boys in the Blackhawk and other divisions, and to see the great war film "Under Four Flags." After the invocation by the Reverend Austin Richards, and the singing of the national anthem, Mr. Davies spoke a word of welcome to the boys who have returned from overseas. A delightful feature of the evening which made even more vivid the war pictures shown was the response given by some of the officers, just returned from France. All voiced a gladness in being home, and spoke of the fine care they had been given while away.

First Lieutenant Preston Boyden of Co. D, 343rd Inf. explained the "Casual System" of the U. S. Army, and stated that while the transfer of men as "casuals" into some other divisions of the army entailed some hardships on the men in loss of pay, loss of time, in the delivery of mail, and gave a man a lonesome feeling at times, nevertheless it was a necessary thing, because by it, the fighting divisions were kept filled all the time. "There cannot be a war," said Lieutenant Boyden, "without a system of casuals."

Second Lieutenant Frederick W. Copeland, of Battery E, 333rd H. F. A., gave some vivid impressions of the wonderful care and protection given to our boys "over there." He urged that reports to the contrary be discounted, because some things that the boys grumbled at in just have been repeated in earnest.

Captain Sidney Greeley of Battery B, 333rd H. F. A., said that he had enjoyed the fifteen months he had been in service. He declared the Y. M. C. A. in France was a great success, and said it would be difficult to say just what the American soldiers in France would have done without it.

Major John S. Miller of the 333rd H. F. A. gave several vivid word pictures of the boys on their way to France—telling how they were carefully conveyed to Bordeaux,—of their reception at the railroad station,—and he spoke particularly of the fine care they had been given every bit of the way.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the War Emergency Union.

WINNETKA MARINES GREETED BY FRIENDS

A large group of friends of Corporal George Wissman and Edward Drew gathered in the Assembly room of Community House, Saturday evening, January 25, to bid them welcome home, and to hear some of their experiences in the trenches and at the front. Both men have been in service with the Marines since April, 1917. Winnetka has reason to be proud of these men who have seen terrific fighting and whose bravery in danger has won them the highest honors, and decorated them with the Croix de Guerre, with the palm. Corporal Wissman, who was with the 17th Company, 5th Regiment Marine Corps, was wounded June 12, 1918, after he had been in the trenches since March, 1918. He was sent to the hospital, but returned to the front July 14, and remained there until October 3, when he was again wounded and gassed and sent to the hospital. Only twelve men were left in his company of two hundred and fifty men. He has won a marksmanship pin for fine shooting, and before the armistice was signed he was given an opportunity to enter an officers' training school.

Edward Drew who was with the Marine Guards, No. 9, has also been out in "No Man's Land" and in all

of protection. The people of these stricken districts are dying from starvation and the lack of everything that is needful to sustain life. Unless help is brought to them and brought at once it will be too late, for the whole race of the Christian people of the near east will have entered into their long release from suffering.

There is only the motive of helping a suffering people to persuade the United States to assume the burden which is laid upon the nation for the relief of Armenia. We have nothing to gain except that ease of conscience that comes with doing an obvious duty. We have an abundance of all things. The Armenians and the Syrians, through no fault of their own, have nothing. We are asked to give of our richness to relieve their distress. It is a very simple obligation but one which we cannot in humanity refuse to discharge.

kinds of dangers. He has been gassed, and has suffered many hardships.

Albrecht Eder who is home on furlough was present, and was also warmly welcomed. He has been on mine-laying service in the North Sea, as Second Class Radio Electrician on the U. S. S. Housatonic. He told of some of the thrilling experiences which he had been through in this dangerous work. Dave Hammond of Elyria, Ohio, a member of George Wissman's company, was also present, and added some interesting tales. The men are home on a thirty day furlough.

KNITTERS—ATTENTION!

Those to whom wool has been distributed for knitting, either through the Red Cross or the War Emergency Union are asked to turn back the knitted garments as soon as possible to the chairman of the Wool committee, Mrs. Stephen A. Foster. Mrs. Foster will be at the Parish house every Tuesday morning to receive such garments. Volunteers who are good knitters, are asked to make stump socks for the wounded soldiers, and a limited supply of wool is on hand to be given out for this purpose. Women are urgently asked to do this knitting if possible. Call Mrs. Foster at Winnetka 729.

WAR PERSONALS

The following Winnetka men have recently received their discharge from the army:

Major John Miller.
Second Lieutenant Frederick W. Copeland.
Captain Sidney F. Greeley.
Second Lieutenant Morris L. Greeley.
First Lieutenant Preston Boyden.
Norman M. Nelson.
F. T. Richardson.
William Salmen.
William Schwall.
Corporal Wenzel Stubner.
Corporal Harold J. Taylor.
Joseph Klauke.
Frank Turdy.
Frank Wakner.
William Dietz.
Howard Carpenter.
Ragnar Cederund.
Patrick Balmes.
Hoyt E. Buttolph.
Oswald Bohnen.
Palmer Giambastian.
Corrado Gunstapaglia.
Chris Henrickson.
Second Lieutenant Earle G. Gowling.
Lieutenant Ralph M. Jaeger, U. S. N. R. F.

Winnetka men known to be in the Army of Occupation at present are:
Lieutenant E. D. Bradstreet.
Edward J. Keil.
Captain Thorne Taylor.
Vincenzo Mazzetti.
Fred Kassner.
James Weart.
Thomas J. Lynch.
Howard W. Lyons.
Sergeant Milton Lyons.
William Lyons.
Paul Wagner.
Stewart Alden.
Luigi Dominici.
George Hufton Jr.
Corporal Frederick O. Mason.
Corporal Harry D. Orwig.
Corporal Raymond L. Orwig.
Domiana Persia.
Omer Porter.
Brigadier General Henry J. Reilly.
John D. Sheahan.
Lance Corporal Harry C. Smith.

Henry J. Reilly has been raised to the rank of Brigadier General and is with the Army of Occupation.

Oliver Fossum is aboard the U. S. S. Indiana, at sea.

Abraham Stamps has been made a Corporal.

Sergeant Charles Weart, who has been in the officers' artillery school at Saumur, France, has finished his course there.

Corporal James G. Weart is with the Army of Occupation under Brig. Gen'l. Reilly near Coblenz.

David Weart has recently won his promotion as Ensign at Princeton University.

Major Casey A. Wood is at Coronado Beach, California.

Why Busy People Have Leisure.

They say that the busiest people have the most time to give in service to others, can turn clear attention to a new subject at an instant's notice. This is simple because the busiest people, the ones who are accomplishing the most, have learned the art of prompt action, of quick dismissal of what has to be done. They can give you at any moment undivided attention because their minds are clear and ready.

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