

## Thackwell Visits Haunts of King Arthur of England

By Rhys G. Thackwell

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EVER since the days when Professor Frederick W. Nichols used to arrange entertainments for the benefit of the art fund of the south Evanston schools, I have been a devoted enthusiast of King Arthur. We, in Lincoln school, produced sketches from the Arthurian stories and we did not know whether the ancient king was a reality or whether he was mythical. Even after reading Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," when Arthur was my boyhood hero, I was not sure whether he had actually ruled England, because I could not locate him in the list of kings which the teachers forced us to learn. But now, after I have visited the realm over which King Arthur once reigned for his good people, and have explored the Great Hall and touched the Round Table about which his knights gathered, I am convinced that my hero was as really and truly alive and active as William Hale Thompson was during the first few months of his regime in Chicago.

It was with a thrill of personal pride that I examined the huge table which now is hung on the wall at one end of the Great Hall. Although it was difficult, I was able to make out the names in old English of Sir Lancelot, Sir Kay, Sir Galahad, and a couple of others of the historic old court. A party of American soldiers was visiting the place under the guidance of a friendly Y. M. C. A. secretary when I was there by myself. I prefer to visit such places alone so that I can see them in my own way.

### North Shore Boys Visit Place

I should not be surprised to learn that hundreds of north shore boys have seen this place, as there is a great American-army concentration camp at Winchester, and most of the boys look about before going over to France.

"Who was Sir Kay?" one of the Yankee lads asked the secretary. Be-

fore the Y. M. C. A. man could answer one of the soldiers replied: "Why he had charge of the kitchen police at the court, you chump. He would have been your boss in these days."

The table is constructed of a great many pieces of wood of various kinds. The names of the knights are skillfully inlaid in the table top with bits of wood. So numerous were tourists who insisted upon mutilating the table by removing a chip, the guardians of the relic have placed an iron rail across the end of the hall where it is located and only a few are privileged to approach the table and touch it. The caretaker said this, anyway, and he let me examine the wood after the soldiers had left. The strange thing is that he refused a bit of chocolate which I offered him as a bribe for his favor.

So well did they build in those olden days the Great Hall was used by the residents of Winchester as a shelter from air raids which were frequent up to a short time ago.

### American Army Camp Nearby

Out in the very wood where Arthur used to wander and dream as a boy there is now an American army camp. Along the roads where once King Arthur and his knights rode, I pedaled on a bicycle which I hired for fifty cents a day. Ford autos dashed by and carried supplies to buildings which have been standing since Winchester was the capital of England at the time of King Alfred. Aeroplanes flew overhead and landed not far from the very cottage where King Alfred once was scolded by a poor peasant woman because he neglected her biscuits.

Every day American soldiers visit the Winchester cathedral which was attacked by the Danes in 867, and later rebuilt into its present form. When I entered the place I noticed a British and an American flag crossed over the arch which separates the choir stalls from the pews. This was placed here July Fourth, a sexton stated.

## EXCESS WEIGHT IS LIABILITY IN AUTO, SAYS C. E. BRIDGES

By C. E. Bridges

As more and more motorists find the Franklin car consistently delivering an economical service of twenty miles to the gallon of gasoline—instead of the usual 10; 10,000 miles to the set of tires—instead of the usual 5,000; and a high resale value—instead of a fire-sale price—they are asking for an explanation. And finding it in one word—weight.

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### K. U. MAN GREET'S WILSON IN BALLOON

It was learned at Northwestern university that the dirigible balloon, the only one to leave France with the French fleet to welcome the S. S. George Washington, which carried President Wilson and his party, was commanded by Ralph Strader, formerly a student at the university.

Strader was a graduate of the Evanston academy and had nearly completed his studies at the university when he enlisted in the French service. He was well known for his athletic achievements as well as his scholarly attainments.

### CHURCH ASKS FOR \$100,000 ARMORY

State Representative Ralph E. Church of Evanston, introduced a bill in the Illinois legislature last week asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the erection of an armory for the north shore at Evanston.

This idea was first presented by the military committee of the Evanston war council. During the war the Illinois Reserve militia companies drilled in the Patten gymnasium, but after the signing of the armistice the military leaders did not think it proper to allow Northwestern university to handicap its students by using the gymnasium for military work, as the building was not erected for that purpose.

So they presented the idea of an armory for the north shore to the war council and it was referred to the military committee.

If the state legislature approves the bill the armory will be erected near Central street, Evanston, close to the elevated road station, so that it will be convenient to the military organizations of the north shore.

### Wind That Scorches

The name "harmattan" has been given to a dry hot wind which blows from the interior of Africa toward the Atlantic during December, January and February. Every plant, every bit of grass and leaf in its course is withered as though it had been seared by heat from a furnace.

### THE AMERICAN PLEDGE

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Courage in saving.

Self-control in spending.

Foresight, patience and industry: These are the best safeguards of liberty and tranquility.

Civis Americanus sum—I am an American citizen: therefore I pledge myself to this platform. Liberty by saving and thrift.

### PURPLE TANK COACH PLANS ACTIVE SEASON

Northwestern's tank season opened last Wednesday evening at the Chicago Athletic club against the A. A. U. champions and several meets have been scheduled to get the novices into shape for the conference championship which will be held at Northwestern gym March 21. None of the old champions who were at Northwestern last year are here to be on the present team, but Coach "Tom" Robinson hopes to make a good showing against the other conference teams.

The Purple team's next opponents will be the Milwaukee Athletic club which they will meet at Milwaukee Friday evening, February 8, at the home of the Cream City swimmers, and return meets with the A. A. U. champions and the Milwaukee Athletic club will be scheduled for sometime in the latter part of February or the first part of March.

### "Kaiser" Pea Changes Its Name

Farmers who want to buy quantities of the variety of field pea introduced several years ago by the United States Department of Agriculture from Germany, and then known as the "Kaiser" pea, will have trouble by not using that name any more. These peas are now known as "McAdoo's," and they are as widely distributed through the Northwest as Liberty bonds, which caused the substitution in nomenclature.

### Protecting Turkeys From Coyotes

In certain parts of the West flocks of domestic turkeys on frontier farms are protected from attacks by coyotes by tying small bells to the necks of the gobblers. The tinkle of these bells is sufficient, in most cases, to keep the animals away, while not infrequently unprotected flocks which have wandered far from home are annihilated by the beasts.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

### WILLIAM H. TAFT TO BE IN CHICAGO FEBRUARY 10

William Howard Taft, president of the League to Enforce Peace, will be in Chicago February 10 and 11, when he will preside over a meeting of the league. This congress is one of the series of nine which will cover the entire United States, and is for the region comprising Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and Kentucky.

Other national officers of the league will be present to lead the discussions on all phases of the problems to be considered.

### Mutt and Jeff In The Woolly West

Once again those two bonafide humorists, "Mutt and Jeff" are in our midst, and will appear for one week at the Victoria theater, coming Sunday matinee, February 9.

This time they appear as seekers after the yellow metal—gold—with their advantages taking place in the golden West, and, as usual that astute and far discerning manager Gus Hill, is sponsoring their exploits, having arranged for their presentation in a three act musical comedy which is said to be the best and most entertaining of the Mutt and Jeff series produced upon the stage. These two cartoon characters quickly make their way to the land of alkali and faro, where they indulge in all sorts of side splitting capers and escapades with the result that their antics and frolics arouse incessant and wholesome laughter from curtain to curtain.

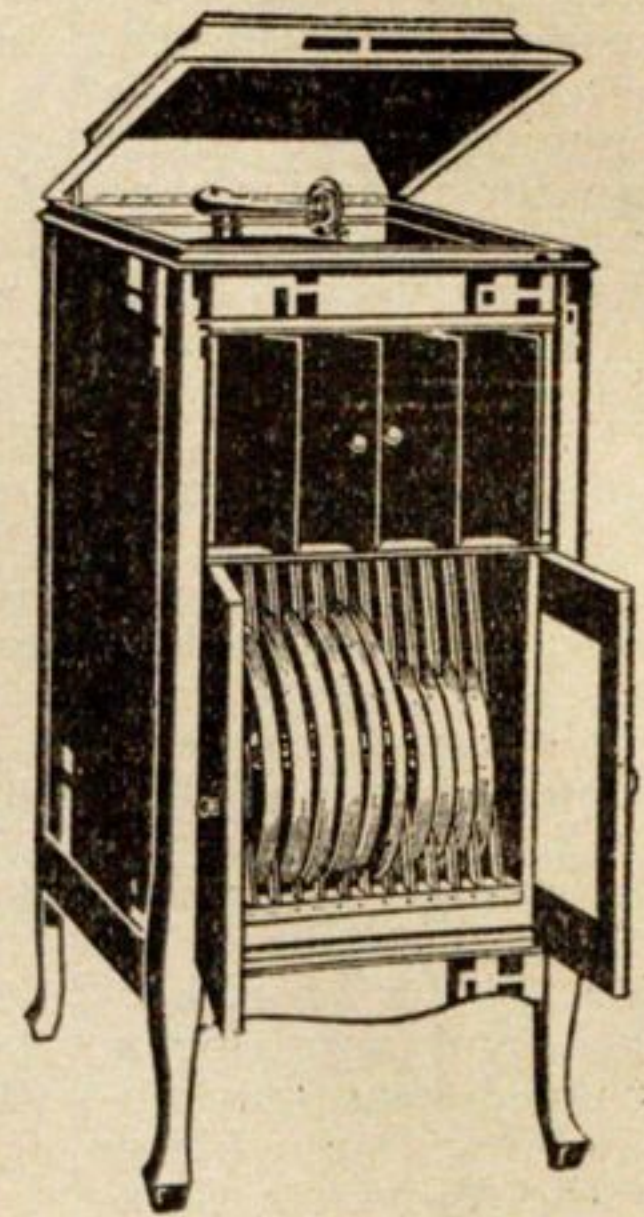
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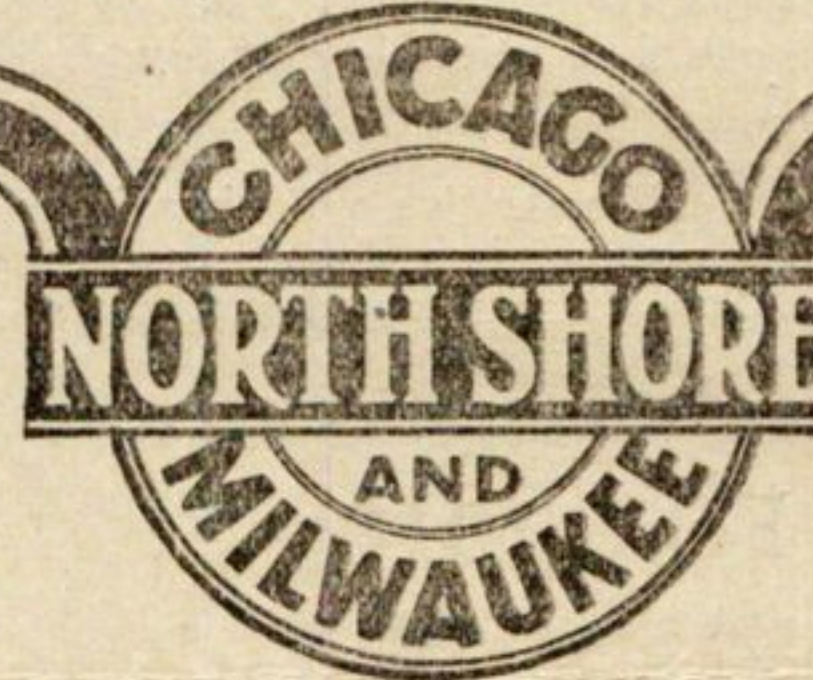
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