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## WOMEN WIND UP DRIVE FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

Quota of \$6,227 exceeded by \$114.41, According to Chairman's Report Issued Late this Week

### URGE MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Chicago and other Cities Behind in Campaign; Local Residents Asked to Help

Winnetka this week went over the top in the Armenian Relief drive conducted by the women of the Village. The total subscribed in the Village-wide canvass as tabulated Thursday morning was \$6,341.41 or \$114.41 over the prescribed quota of \$6,227.

Though the Winnetka drive is officially concluded, according to Mrs. Morris Greeley, campaign chairman, subscriptions continue to come in at headquarters. The national committee in charge of the Relief Fund has requested that efforts to swell the total continue since Chicago and many other of the larger cities are far behind their quotas.

The report to date as issued by Mrs. Greeley is as follows:

District 1—	
Mrs. Dean	\$ 4.50
District 2—	
Mrs. Newman	197.10
District 3—	
Mrs. Charles Wilson	112.00
District 4—	
Mrs. Roger Sherman	207.50
District 5—	
Mrs. L. J. Schwabacher	88.75
District 6—	
Mrs. Longini	64.60
District 7—	
Mrs. Hirsch	73.46
District 8—	
Mrs. Harry Miller	155.25
District 9—	
Mrs. Ballard	357.00
District 10—	
Mrs. Burnham	82.40
District 11—	
Mrs. Francis Parker	1,520.50
District 12—	
Mrs. Winne	384.70
District 13—	
Mrs. Belfield	1,442.50
District 14—	
Mrs. Stein	677.60
District 15—	
Mrs. L. B. Sherman	483.00
Total	\$6,341.41

### DON'T FORGET THE SKOKIE MEETINGS

In the last issue of the Weekly Talk two meetings were announced in which to consider the possibility of having our adjacent Skokie turned into a Forest Preserve. The two meetings on the subject, as previously stated, are to be held at 4 o'clock at Community House, February 22, and Sunday, February 23, at 5 o'clock. The Cook County Forester, Ransom Kennicott, will speak at the Saturday afternoon meeting. Hugo Hofsten's pictures of the Skokie will be on exhibition, and over a cup of tea people will have time to talk about the subject of the day, with its pro's and con's.

On Sunday at 5 o'clock Jens Jensen architect and other professional men have promised to speak. They have all been vitally interested in the project of saving this rare stretch of country for the neighboring towns, and are sure to awaken enthusiasm in the audience.

### CAPT. REED LANDIS MEN'S CLUB SPEAKER

Captain Reed Landis, fourth American ace, with twelve Boche planes to his credit, will speak before the Winnetka Men's club, Tuesday evening, February 25. Captain Landis was in command of the 25th Pursuit Air Squadron and had experience on American, English and French flying fields before downing the Boche in actual conflict.

Dinner will be served promptly at 7 o'clock, 75 cents per plate. Acceptances should be sent to the secretary.

#### Girton Honors Washington

Exercises appropriate to Washington's Birthday were held by the students of the upper school and the seventh and eighth grades at Girton school this morning. In addition to some work presented by the students Lieutenant Preston Boyden, recently returned from overseas, and Major Miller were speakers on the program. Mrs. Burton Atwood rendered vocal solos.

## "Ash Cans" Were Effective Instruments in Sounding Knell of Hun Submarine Warfare

George W. McKinney, radio man in the United States navy, who saw much active service in the Adriatic sea chasing German submarines, is the author of the following "uncensored" letter telling about his experiences from the time of departure from our shores to the fighting in the southern European waters.

McKinney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McKinney of 605 Cherry street. The letter received by the parents reads:

November 28, 1918.  
Spalato, Austria.

Dearest Folks:—

At last the censorship has been lifted and we are allowed to write a great deal of news. When I left Philadelphia last May, I came across on a British auxiliary cruiser "Victorian" with a big convoy and landed in Liverpool. There were 450 sailors in the draft altogether, and we were marched out of the city 8 miles to an American army rest camp. We were there a couple of days and took the train from Liverpool to Hollyhead. Then we crossed the Irish sea and landed at Kingston. From there we took the train to Queenstown passing through Dublin, Cork and other noted places. I arrived in Queenstown June 11, and we were put in barracks awaiting assignment to a destroyer. There were just 25 of us regular men altogether and, of course, we had to learn the English procedure in radio. On June 26 fifteen of us radio men were put on a draft bound for some where. We left with bag and baggage and went back that same way only instead of going to Liverpool we went from Hollyhead to London. We arrived in London early in the morning and a Y. M. C. A. man met us at the depot and took us to the Eagle hut. We had breakfast and washed up and then reported at the naval headquarters which is right near the Buckingham palace. We left the same afternoon for Southampton after getting subsistence money. We got there about six o'clock in the evening and were taken out to an American army rest camp. We were there two days and left with a big draft of soldiers for France.

#### Cross Channel in Cattle Boat

We crossed the channel on a dirty cattle boat, filled with all kinds of soldiers. Arrived in Le Havre, France, next morning and went with the soldiers to an immense army camp. We lived in the barracks with them for two more days and then left in the morning on a train bound for Paris. Arrived in Paris on the evening of July 2, and slept at the big Y. M. C. A. After breakfast the next morning we reported at headquarters and received more orders and money. Had a chance to see all the important places and sights of the city. We tried hard to stay over the Fourth as they were preparing for a big celebration.

Our train left in the afternoon however and we landed in Modane about noon on the Fourth. This is right on the border of France and Italy and high up in the Alps. We switched to an Italian train here and arrived in Turin, Italy, in the evening. The scenery was most wonderful and beautiful coming through the Italian Alps. We were given a royal welcome in Turin as they were having a great celebration of the Fourth. We slept at a fine hotel that night.

### UTILITIES COMMISSION DENIES RATE INCREASE

The State Public Utilities Commission recently denied the petition of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Electric railway for an increase in rates, seeking to have all passengers purchase tickets before boarding trains, or, for failure so to do, pay an additional charge of 10 cents per ride, not in excess of 3 cents a mile.

Attorneys of north shore towns opposed the application on the ground that the commission had, after a full hearing two years ago, determined a rate, and could not at this time go into the question. This objection was sustained by an order of the commission.

#### Henry Ilg Returns

Henry Ilg, 857 Pine street, returned Monday from Norfolk, Virginia, after receiving an honorable discharge. He served during the war on an oil tanker, the "Silvershell," and made five trips overseas. He enlisted in July, 1917.

and next morning left for Rome. Pulled into Rome the next day about noon. Spent the whole afternoon viewing the wonderful sights, Saw St. Peter's Cathedral which is the most beautiful thing I ever saw in my life. Of course I saw all the old and ancient ruins such as the Coliseum, the Roman Forum, etc.

#### Travel Like Naval Tourists

We left Rome in the evening and arrived in Naples the next morning. We left the next day, stopping at Pompeii, right below Mt. Vesuvius. Pulled into Toronto in the evening and went to another army rest camp, only this was English. We were there eight days and were then transported over to Corfu, Greece, on a French ship. We all landed safely in Corfu, July 17, after 21 days of traveling. Do you wonder at our calling ourselves the naval tourists after that trip and stopping at all the best hotels for rooms and meals, and riding second class all the way?

I have been over here ever since, hunting and chasing submarines in the Mediterranean and Adriatic. And do you know we got two subs? The boys got one in Gibraltar on the way over, and we got our second one the last time out on a barrage. You know we would go out for five days and form what is known as a barrage and listen all the time for the undersea Huns. I will tell you about the sub we got the last time out before the armistice was declared.

I think it was the third out we struck a terrible storm and believe me they are sure fierce over in this old Adriatic. The next day we got orders to go to the rescue of a French sea-plane which had fallen into the sea. It was about 30 miles from the barrage and we were cruising around slowly looking for her when a sail was sighted on a queer looking object about 5 miles off our star-board bow. The 92 let go a shot at it and right away she began to disappear. We started full speed after her as we knew she was a sub with sails on. She submerged long before we got there. When we got to the place where it had gone down we saw oil about 30 feet wide running along. We started running full speed down this "slick" and let go five "ash cans" (depth charges), one after the other. There was a dark object in the second cloud of water that came up and the 92, who was off to one side of us saw the thing come out of the water. We listened in our listening devices for a long time after but could hear no sound and later we found spars and torn sail floating on the surface, so we feel pretty sure that the old sub won't trouble anybody anymore.

Well, folks, I guess that I won't be able to cram everything into one letter, so I will have to bring this to a close. Just at present we are up here in an Austrian port taking over a couple of their big battleships. We did not have our turkey after all today, but we are living in hopes of getting it soon.

Well, mother, dear, I guess you can ask me all the questions you want to now and I will be able to answer them. The only one I can't answer satisfactorily is the one about when I will get home. I don't believe it will be before next spring anyway. Gee! but won't I be glad when I get back.

Lots of love to you all,

George W. McKinney.

### "EDUCATIONAL REVIVAL" AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB

An "Educational Revival" consisting of a series of lectures is to be given under the auspices of the Winnetka Woman's club.

The first lecture will be on Wednesday, March 5, at 8:15 o'clock, when Miss Flora J. Cooke, director of the Francis Parker school of Chicago, will speak on "The Ideal School Community."

The next lecture will be on March 12, with William J. Bogan, of Lane Technical High school, as the speaker. His topic will be "Pre-vocational Training."

The third lecture of the series will be given by Mrs. Johnson, director of the Children's school of Fairhope, Alabama. The subject will be "Organic Education."

On March 26 Mrs. Johnson will deliver a second lecture.

#### Dr. McCowan Leaves Winnetka

Dr. Don McCowan who recently opened an office in Winnetka for the practice of surgery has left his practice here and moved to Chicago.

### THANK SCHOOL HEAD FOR LECTURE COURSE

The last of the course of five of the University Extension lectures was given at the Skokie school, Tuesday evening, February 18, by Professor J. Paul Good of the University of Chicago.

Professor Good gave a very interesting illustrated lecture on "America as a World Power."

Immediately before the lecture Mrs. C. S. Buell presented the following resolution.

"The Board of the Parent-Teacher association wishes to express sincere regret over Mr. Rhodes illness and a keen appreciation of this remarkable course of lectures which Mr. Rhodes has brought to Winnetka this winter. It is a strenuous task to manage such a course of lectures and we feel that Mr. Rhodes could not have done it so successfully without the assistance of Mrs. Rhodes. Therefore the Board of the Parent-Teacher association proposes to send Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes a vote of thanks for this splendid lecture course which they have offered to the Community."

By the unanimous vote of all present this general vote of thanks was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes.

### SCHOOL AS COMMUNITY CENTER, LECTURE TOPIC

The winter meeting of the Winnetka Parent-Teacher association will be held at the Skokie school hall, Tuesday evening, February 25. Residents are urged to attend this meeting which will be of great interest to every parent in the Village.

The regular routine of business will be dispensed with as the interest of the meeting is to be centered in Miss Alice H. Thompson, who is to speak on the subject, "The School as a Community Center." Miss Thompson is field secretary of the Advisory committee of the Commission on Community centers recently organized in Chicago at the request of the Board of Education.

This Commission is composed of representatives of various public spirited agencies prominent among which are the City club, The Council of National Defense, The Association of Commerce, Art Institute, Civic Music association and the Public library, and it is establishing community centers in schools throughout Chicago, on a large and systematic basis in an effort to meet some of the serious conditions now arising.

It will be interesting to hear first hand about this important movement now in progress so close to Winnetka. It is expected that many of the Winnetka leaders in Community work will be present.

Mrs. Kohlsaat and Mrs. Simmons will lead in Community singing.

### WINNETKA SCOUTS TO SHOW FAMOUS SPY FILM MARCH 1

A spy play dealing with the exposure of the vice and intrigue of the German Imperial Secret Service throughout the world will be shown at Community House, Saturday, March 1, under the auspices of the Winnetka troop of the Boy Scouts. The picture will be the first of a series to appear monthly at Community House under the direction of the Scouts.

### ORGANIZE DEBATING CLUB AT HORACE MANN SCHOOL

Frederick Thon, a pupil at the Horace Mann school, conceived the idea of a debating club for the seventh grade and with the consent of Miss Jeffries, his teacher, it was carried out.

The pupils have their own laws which attach penalties for whispering without permission during school sessions, the non-payment of dues and failure to take part in debates.

Officers are elected at every third meeting of the club. The present officers are, Darrel Ware, president; Irma Otten, vice-president; Spencer Durand, secretary; Robert Markle, treasurer.

### ATTENTION TAXPAYERS

The first installment of a complete report of the New Trier Township Highway commissioner, H. H. Sherer, from April 1, 1918, to December 31, begins in this issue of the Weekly Talk. The report will be of great interest to every taxpayer in New Trier Township and should be carefully read by every reader of the Weekly Talk.

## SUPT. RHODES LEAVES VILLAGE SCHOOL POST

Leader Who Is Credited with Revolutionizing School System here Resigns because of Ill Health.

### GOES EAST FOR A REST

Will Join Faculty of Teachers' College in New York City when Health Is Regained

Owing to ill health Mr. E. N. Rhodes has resigned his position as superintendent of the Winnetka Public schools and will leave immediately for the east for a rest and later will take up work in the Teachers' College of New York City.

During the five years of Mr. Rhodes administration there have been many difficult problems of growth and organization which he has handled in a most able manner. For the organization of the present school system, for his excellent corps of teachers, for a course of study perfected in detail and in accord with the most advanced ideas in Education, Winnetka owes much to Mr. Rhodes, and his work along these lines will not soon be forgotten. His work was appreciated not only by those who have seen it at close range but among educators all through the middle west. The excellent course of lectures which Mr. Rhodes has secured for the community and which have been given at Skokie school for several years have always been well attended and much appreciated.

#### Going a real Loss

While in Winnetka both Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes have made a great many friends to whom their going will be a real loss. They take with them the interest and best wishes of the entire community for health and success in their new and chosen field.

The following outline of improvements in the Winnetka Public schools brought about through the instrumentality of Mr. Rhodes is taken from the retiring superintendent's recent annual report to the Board of Education.

1. A system of permanent records of the children's attendance, scholarship and health was introduced.
2. Movable seats were placed in most of the session rooms.
3. The room for manual training has been re-equipped.
4. A printing press has been installed and the children have printed their own school paper, the "School Record" which was one of the new school projects.
5. In the years 1915, 1916 and 1917 pageants were presented by the physical training department and many historical plays were developed from the children's work.

#### Aided Deficient Pupils

6. A room for special help for deficient children was established. Financial stringency made the discontinuance of this room necessary in 1918.
7. The departmental system of teaching has been organized in the seventh and eighth grades.
8. In the summers of 1915, 1916 and 1917 summer schools were conducted.
9. In the winters of 1916 and 1917 evening classes for adults who wished to learn English were organized.

#### Teachers of Excellent Training

10. The percentage of teachers with normal school training has been raised from 52.3 to 90.3.
11. A plan for the professional improvement of teachers in service has been developed.

12. For the past three years the community has been given the opportunity of hearing, at a very low rate, lectures on modern problems.
13. A department of natural science has been organized.

#### Teachers Feel Great Loss

Teachers in the schools regret more keenly than others the departure of the superintendent under whose direction the education of the children of the Village has been conducted with the utmost harmony. Mr. Rhodes had been an associate rather than an overseer of the corps of instructors.

#### Prouty at "Binkie Lodge"

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Prouty, of Prouty Block, spent a few days this week at "Binkie Lodge" on the Fox river.

#### Returns from the West

Mrs. John Stenman of Railroad avenue has returned from Pasadena, California, where she spent a four months' vacation.