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CAMOUFLAGE EXPERT WILL LECTURE HERE

Gerald H. Thayer Comes to Winnetka Under Auspices of Parent-Teacher Association and Woman's Club

LECTURES NEXT THURSDAY

Children To Hear Talk in Afternoon; "Grown-Ups" To Enjoy Illustrated Talk in Evening

The Parent-Teacher association, in conjunction with the Art committee of the Winnetka Woman's club, has arranged to have Mr. Gerald H. Thayer of New York City, give an illustrated talk on "Protective Coloration in the Animal Kingdom," to all Winnetka school children below the seventh grade. The lecture is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, March 27, at the Woman's club.

On the same day in the evening at 8 o'clock Mr. Thayer will give his illustrated lecture on "Camouflage and Concealing Coloration," for the older children and "grown-ups."

Mr. Thayer is regarded as an authority in this line. His point of view is said to combine those of the naturalist and the artist and is the outcome of a special study and research in collaboration with his father, Abbot Thayer, who discovered and worked out from nature the scientific principles of protective coloration. Thayer's book, "Concealing Coloration," was used by the English, French, and American governments, as the basis for war camouflage and Mr. Thayer is reputed to have the most authentic information and slides relating to camouflage.

Collection of Paintings

The Thayer collection of nature paintings is known throughout the country and is being exhibited in many of the larger cities. The collection was displayed in the Chicago Art Institute during the winter and aroused great interest.

Winnetkans who viewed the paintings at the Art Institute and heard Thayer's lecture, saw the value of having him appear in Winnetka before the children and older people with his instructive and interesting lectures concerning the great color law which protects animals and which, in its applied development has proved such a remarkable safeguard to the Allied armies.

Mr. Thayer stops in Winnetka on his western tour and every resident of the Village is invited to hear his lecture Thursday evening. The afternoon lecture is exclusively for children.

BOY PREFERS STRANGER'S HOME TO THAT OF MOTHER

Aubrich Baker, 9 years old, of Danville, Ill., who ran away, arrived at the La Salle street station, Chicago, Monday night on his way to the home of Fred Cain in Hubbard Woods. He was taken to detention home No. 3 pending a response to a telegram sent to his mother.

According to the boy he was given into the care of the Cain family last summer, but was sent home. He liked the family so well he said he wanted to return.

Mr. Cain said he had sent the boy back to his mother and knew nothing more about him.

Special Room for Pupils

Through the efforts of some interested citizen and the co-operation of the Board of Education a special room has been prepared at the Horace Mann school for those pupils who are behind in their studies. The class is taught by Miss Keegan.

Held Pottery Exhibition

The girls of the seventh and eighth grades of the Horace Mann school held an exhibition of pottery at the school last week. The work exhibited has been made since the last display at Christmas time.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

The parents and teachers of the Horace Mann school held a meeting last Friday in the kindergarten room after the women had reviewed the different sessions of the school.

Sailors Give Dance

With a Great Lakes band furnishing the music, a number of sailors gave a dance on Thursday evening at the Community House for Mrs. J. Allan Haines and the girls of the Navy league who have been entertaining the men in uniform during the past 18 months.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS, SUNDAY CLUB SUBJECT

Professor John Scott of Northwestern University To Be the Speaker; Traveled Much through Balkans

MISS ISABEL CLINE TO SING

North Shore Soloist, Who Has Appeared in Ravinia Concerts, To Furnish Special Music

"The League of Nations" will be the subject of the address to be given at the joint meeting of the Wilmette Sunday Evening club and the Wilmette Church Union on Sunday evening, March 23. Professor John Scott of the Northwestern University will be the speaker. Professor Scott is one of the best known speakers in this vicinity and is a celebrated authority on his several subjects. He has traveled widely and has given much time to the study of the problems of the countries which have so many of their vital issues now at the peace table in Paris. He has previously been a welcomed speaker before the Sunday Evening club, and in view of the marked interest over the outcome of President Wilson's second journey to Europe, the management expects a large audience.

The special music for the evening will be furnished by Miss Isabel Cline, one of the best known soloists of the north shore. Miss Cline has resided in Kenilworth and is well known, both personally and as an artist, in the community. She has appeared with the Chicago orchestra at the Ravinia Park concerts and at many other local musical affairs.

WINNETKA BOY MADE MAJOR IN MARINE CORPS

Norman Seymour Hinman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wheeler Hinman, 576 Oak street, this week learned he had been promoted to major in the United States marine corps. Mr. Hinman, formerly editor of the Inter Ocean, believes Norman is the youngest major in the corps. He is 25 years old.

Major Hinman was noted as a football star on the University of Wisconsin eleven and Marietta college team. He entered the marine corps training school at Norfolk, Va., in the fall of 1916, and was commissioned a second lieutenant, passing fourth in a class of thirty-five.

He is at present stationed with his battalion on San Juan hill, Santiago, Cuba.

Form Improvement Body

At a meeting held in the office of William Aiken of Hubbard Woods last Friday evening at which forty men were present, an Improvement association was organized by the citizens to further improvement projects. Another meeting was scheduled for this evening in order to complete the charter. C. T. Northrop was elected president, Harry McLean, secretary and William Aiken treasurer of the organization. An initiation fee of \$5 was paid by each of the 30 men in the group.

Homes Change Hands

Mr. F. F. Cain, 1214 Scott avenue, Hubbard Woods, sold his home last week. Dr. C. A. Aldrich bought a house on Scott avenue from Mr. Ryan of Hubbard Woods. Mr. Boggs sold his house on Scott avenue.

Teachers Enjoy Party

The teachers of the Greeley school held a party Tuesday evening which was attended by the teachers of all the Winnetka schools. Luncheon was served and there was informal dancing.

Sturgis Home Sold

The C. I. Sturgis home on Prospect avenue, was sold last week to Ralph H. Hobart of Hinman avenue, Evanston. Mr. Hobart will make extensive improvements before moving into the house.

Dinner Served

A dinner was served at the Christ church, Linden and Oak street, Tuesday evening, for the returned soldiers of Winnetka.

Move to Los Angeles

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ehlers, 557 Elder lane, and family, will leave Saturday for Los Angeles, California, where they will make their future home.

Sees "Insidious Propaganda" Behind Hun Fawning Politeness and Regard for Yanks

In connection with what is being written regarding starving Germany, and the eagerness of the Huns to gain favor with the Americans for their own advantages, the following letter from a Winnetka man with the Army of Occupation will be of interest to readers of the Talk.

Verdun, France, Jan. 21, 1919

Dearest Mother:— Since I moved from Paris three weeks ago I have not received any mail from you. I have hopes though for mail over here is "everything that there is of uncertain," as the French say.

About my trip to Metz I enclose a card which will now get to you, for some reason it never got off. Metz is the nearest approach to an American town I have seen; street cars on every street, shops stay open until 9 P. M.; everything clean and up to date. It is queer to see all the shops with their signs changed, and all the streets altered from "Strasse" to "Rue." The windows are crowded with things to eat; pastry, candy, delicacies of all kinds. The man who said: "Germany is starving," is the biggest liar yet.

Insidious Propaganda

Hun propaganda is still as insidious as ever, for they go down on their knees to do anything for an American—always with lots of "Herr Unteroffizier" to me. Imagine yourself the picture! A lot of tired doughboys stumbling into a hotel, to have the waiter anticipate their every wish, the daughters do literally shine their shoes. We, that is Miss Spence (a peach of a girl from Cleveland) Mademoiselle Simonette, another of the French variety, Captain Clark (the Boss) and a very nice army lieutenant from Alabama, "sure nuff" left Verdun about 1:30 P. M. and started for Metz, arriving there about 3:30. I having had a puncture. We passed through miles and miles of desolated country where nothing moved save huge flocks of grewsome crows. The havoc of war was wrought here indeed. Whole ammunition dumps left untouched, guns and rifles left where the fleeing Huns dropped them. And as for souvenirs you literally kicked aside German helmets of all descriptions. Of the towns only a heap of bricks were left overgrown with grass; but everywhere the inevitable tell-tale crosses, most of them German, and on the top hung their helmets, and below "Fuer Koenig und Vaterland." Then often, right besides "Mort pour la Patrie," then the simple "Died for his Country," which marks the spot where our Yankee boys rest. Well, the country changed rapidly as we neared the Alsatian border, and "Vers Mars-la Tour" became "Nach Mars."

The country, as we neared Germany, looked more like American cultivated lands, for there were modern agricultural tools and machines. Finally I topped a long hill and there, below me lay Metz.

No Signs of War

We proceeded to the "Grand Hotel de L'Europe" (no longer "Europaischer Hof") and there eager German porters drew off our robes and opened the door of the car. We were shown our respective rooms, which had radiators, which gave out heat. We went out to do some shopping and the streets swarmed with French soldiers. Busy crowds bustled too and fro and there was every sign of pre-war industry.

That night we had for supper oysters, soup, fish, lamb chops!! asparagus! potatoes, ice cream and cake, all served by the smiling head waiter, in person, who spoke English too well, though unmistakably German. The French allow very few Americans in Metz because they are too popular all around and they want Metz to themselves after 40 years waiting.

Next morning when my breakfast came what should there be but "ham and eggs!" Can you beat it? These Huns had figured out just what we wanted and given it to us without our asking for it. Of course, in the face of such treatment, it is hard for the average American to hold bitterness against the German, and this is just what they want. I noticed that at dinner we had butter, and that the French had none. Of course the head waiter knew that we have butter three times a day at home, and had remembered it to his advantage.

There was not one thing on our shopping list that we could not get—and it was a long one too. Invariably the people fell all over themselves being nice and one "Fraeulein" noticed that there was a button gone from my coat and offered to sew it on for me!!

Later I found that there had been a school for teaching English, run in Metz, consequently nearly every shop keeper addressed us in English. Most of them speak French and German equally well. That night capped the climax for we had for dessert green apple pie and American cheese!

We returned the following day to Verdun in record time, by way of Conflans, Etain and some other burg.

I expect to go to Nancy soon to get some supplies for the cars. You might look up these trips on the Atlas, for it would interest you. Give my best regards to all the friends who inquire.

Your devoted son,
Sergt. Francis Van Wyck Mason.

BATTALION OF DEATH COMMANDER TO SPEAK

Col. Dan Morgan Smith to Tell of Experiences on Battlefields of France; Aids Dry Movement

AN ORATOR AND LAWYER

Was Formerly Assistant Corporation Counsel of Chicago and Prominent in Legal World

On Sunday evening, March 23, Col. Dan Morgan Smith will speak in Community House on "The World's War, and the Fields of France." Col. Smith was commander in France of the First Battalion, 358th Infantry, 90th division, A. E. F.

In this address he will tell of the war as he saw it in the St. Mihiel drive; going over the top at Fey en Haye; the advance on Vilcey; the taking of Hill 350.0; Les Quatre Chemis where his battalion was surrounded by Germans and cut off from the regiment, and where he held off three regiments of the enemy and where the battalion won the name of "The Battalion of Death." He will tell of the fighting at Les Huit Chemins, Vieville, Verdun and the Argonne forest; of life in the trenches, on the march, on the advance, and on the battle field, of the fighting in the woods, hand to hand conflicts, and of the brave things the officers and men of his command did.

Advocates World Prohibition

This is one of a series of addresses he is making under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League of America, to further the cause of prohibition. He shows briefly how there was and is a similarity of methods of the Hun in Germany and the brewer in America that indicates a connection inimical to the interests of the United States. After speaking in the cities of the United States he is to tour New Zealand, Australia and the British Isles.

Col. Smith is not only a soldier but an orator and a lawyer. He has served as assistant corporation counsel of Chicago.

All are welcome to this meeting. It is requested that children be accompanied by parents.

EVA JANE BARLOW TAKEN BY DEATH

On Thursday, March 13, word was received in Winnetka of the untimely death of Miss Eva Jane Barlow, a sister of Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown and Miss Jessie Belle Barlow.

For several years Miss Barlow, whose home was in Hope, Arkansas, was a resident of the Village while attending the New Trier High school. Later she returned often to visit her sister and her Winnetka friends.

Knowing her devotion to her home circle these friends as sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family, as they will truly cherish the memory of the vivacious charm of Eva Jane Barlow.

MRS. NICHOLAS BREWER DIES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

Mrs. Nicholas Brewer, widow of the late Nicholas Brewer of Chicago, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edgar A. Jenkins, 861 Ash street, on Thursday, March 13. The remains were taken to Mineral Point, Wis., where funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Brewer. Burial was at Graceland cemetery, Mineral Point, Wis. Besides the daughter, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Brewer leaves two sons, Nicholas Brewer of Great Lakes, and Thomas Brewer of Highland Park.

Proposed Change in the Name of Railroad Avenue

At the meeting of the Village Council this week a petition was received from property owners on Railroad avenue to change the name of that street from Railroad avenue to Center street. The matter was referred to the Streets and Alleys committee, and will be considered at the next Council meeting.

Sells Hubbard Woods Home

Mrs. Ada Ballenger of Hubbard Woods this week moved into apartments at 522 Church street, Evanston. She will make her future home in Evanston. The home in Hubbard Woods has been purchased by J. M. Dickinson of Chicago who will take possession soon.

Herbert Zipf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Zipf, 596 Arbor Vitae road, will return Sunday morning from Yale college for a ten day's vacation.

Winnetka And The Victory Loan

The call has come out from the headquarters of the Chicago Liberty loan committee to the residents of Winnetka to prepare for the great "wind-up campaign" of the Fifth Liberty loan. A committee for Winnetka is to be appointed within the next week. The announcement reads in part:

"The United States Treasury department has set April 21 to May 10 as the period for holding the Fifth or Victory Liberty Loan campaign. This will probably be the last drive of this kind that will be held, as the government will undoubtedly be able to finance any further loans they may require.

"Probably the first question that will confront any committee handling this work will be an inquiry as to the necessity of raising more money now that the war is over.

"In explanation of this we can only give the Treasury department report that the money subscribed to the Fourth Liberty loan was all used up by the middle of December. There were still vast sums to be paid out for war material contracted for and made before the signing of the Armistice and before they could stop production.

There were also still over three million men at that time in service who had to be paid and fed and could not be demobilized immediately for many good reasons. There are still one million and a half men in France who must be brought home. This takes time and money.

"The details, amount, and rate of interest, have not yet been published but it is assumed that this money together with what will be received from the Federal taxes will carry the government until our boys are all back in their homes.

"This loan must be met and the pledges made good to our boys who

made the great sacrifices and accomplished so much.

"It would hardly be just to criticize what methods were pursued in the expenditure of these vast sums in the face of the grand results which have been obtained. We can safely trust the efficient men at the head of our government and its many departments, who have so successfully built the largest and most efficient army in the shortest space of time, and won the greatest victory the world has ever known.

"The cost of this war, as far as the United States can be figured, due to its short duration, was far less than even the most hopeful could have expected. We are asked to loan this money to our government until they can finish the war and bring conditions back to normal. We are not required to give, and are paid a reasonable rate of interest considering the privileges included and the best security ever heard of. While it is possible that any who might attempt to dispose of their bonds before the job is done or be induced to sell them may meet with a small sacrifice and depreciation in value. This is only to be expected as our loan was not made with this purpose and will be perfectly good at its full face value or better, if reasonable patience is used.

"This is what you are paying for. Our army, navy, and marines never stopped once until their job was done. We cannot quit until this last loan is put over.

"It is hoped all Winnetka residents will subscribe to their full extent through the local committee, and will induce their associates, firms, and outside estates to do the same that Winnetka may get credit for its full proportion.

"The Winnetka Campaign committee will be organized at once and announced soon.