



## Activities of North Shore Clubs

by Ruth Risley

THE AMERICAN FUND for French Wounded asks your help in establishing and endowing the American Memorial Hospital at Rheims, France, in honor of the American soldiers, sailors and marines who lost their lives fighting for the cause of national liberty.

This fund was the first to give aid to the French wounded, who in many instances during the first years of the war lacked the simplest surgical and medical necessities. Bandages, instruments, medicines, blankets and other hospital comforts to a total value of over \$5,000,000, were gathered together in this country and sent over to the central bureau in Paris and from there with great promptness were distributed to hospitals and dressing stations all over France during the four years of the war. The necessity for this work has ceased with the end of the fighting, and those actively connected with the society wish to leave an enduring memorial in France, in honor of the Americans who died in service. They have decided upon this hospital as the most fitting and appropriate memorial, as well as the most suitable and useful expression of their sympathy for suffering France. For France is still suffering terribly. How much no one can realize who has not been there and seen the poverty of the people and the conditions of life to which they are returning in the devastated regions.

After consultation with the French government Rheims has been chosen as the most suitable location for the hospital. There the people have nothing. This large and beautiful city was almost entirely destroyed by bombardments, and yet thirty thousand of her former inhabitants already have returned and are struggling to begin life again in the ruins of their former homes. In many cases only the women and children of the families are left. Instead of their former comfortable homes they find only ruins, many uninhabitable, and others having only one or two rooms which can be made habitable with the simple repairs now possible. Public utilities are destroyed. There is water in parts of the city only, no electric light, no gas and no street car service. Provisions are scarce and expensive. In spite of all these difficulties the city is being restored. The living conditions there are hard and difficult enough when people are well. They are impossible when they are ill. The women and children are the greatest sufferers, and it is for them that this hospital is intended. The municipality of Rheims has donated the site, which is large and ample. Pending the erection of the hospital they have given us the use of a building. This has been repaired for immediate use, so that a temporary hospital is now in full operation, bringing untold relief to the sick women and children of the city. The amount necessary for the endowment of a bed is \$6,000. It is proposed to have 100 beds, and the endowment for 75 of these is already assured. Beds can be endowed in the name of an individual, a group, a military, naval or marine unit, or in the names of all the men who went from your community. The hospital itself will cost approximately \$200,000, and of this \$175,000 is already subscribed. The endowment fund

will be held in perpetuity by the Central Union Trust Company of New York, and the income only used for the annual support of the hospital. A bronze tablet is to be placed over each bed, recording the memorial in the names and language desired by the donors of the endowment.

On Monday evening, many of us attended the benefit dancing and bridge party at the Winnetka Woman's club, given by Le Cercle Francais. The proceeds, which amounted to nearly \$600, will be devoted to the endowment of a bed by Le Cercle in memory to their work.

Will you subscribe towards a bed in honor of those who went from the north shore and did not return, or in gratitude for those who have returned? Checks or Liberty bonds, large or small, may be sent to Mrs. Russell Tyson, Stevens Building, Chicago, or to Mrs. Morris M. Townley of Glencoe.

On Thursday the Woman's Library club of Glencoe presented a Skokie program as follows:

Exhibit of Paintings by Mr. Van Hofsten

Prize N T H S essay of 118, Gertrude Shippen

Prize N T H S essay of 1919, Beatrice Bennett

Morning Hymn to the Skokie, Mrs. V. K. Spicer.

Address by Mr. Kennicott, president of the Forest Preserve.

Stereopticon views of the Skokie, Mr. E. H. Ravencroft.

A plea for the birds, presented by Mr. Jess L. Smith, secretary of the Audubon society.

Mrs. Philemon B. Kohlsaas was in charge of the next program of the series devoted to the Appreciation of Music which was given at the Win-

netka Woman's club under the auspices of the Music committee. Mrs. Kohlsaas gave a short talk on Polyphonic Music. Her theme was most interestingly illustrated by a chorus of school children and a string quartet. Mrs. Edwin S. Fecheimer, one of Winnetka's most charming pianists, rendered a Bach prelude and Fugue. This program was given on Thursday, November 20.

### ONE MONTH GIVEN FOR CONVERSION OF BONDS

Attention of holders of outstanding \$750,000,000 4 per cent coupon bonds of the second liberty loan and first liberty loan converted is called that unless privilege of converting these bonds into 4 1/4 per cent bonds is exercised before next coupon payment, December 15, they will lose one-quarter of 1 per cent interest for the succeeding six months. Moreover, they will be unable to secure 4 1/4 per cent bonds until definite bonds are ready for distribution some time after March 15, 1920. Federal reserve banks are urging that application for conversion be made promptly.

The privilege of converting these 4 per cent bonds into 4 1/4 per cent bonds was extended for period beginning March 7, 1919, ending on such date as may be fixed by the secretary of the treasury on six months' public notice. Extension of conversion privilege is now in force.

### FRESHMEN ECHOES

The New Trier News will be supplanted next week by the "Freshmen

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