



Activities of North Shore Clubs by Ruth Risley

MRS. CHARLES H. THORNE, president of the Arden Shore association, recently received a letter from Edwin S. Davis, president of the Board of Education in Chicago, making an appeal that the Arden Shore Camp be kept open in Winter as well as Summer. We all know full well, how extremely beneficial the summer camps have proven to the tired mothers and children from the poorer districts in Chicago, and so we will stop to think of this new appeal. The letter presents the situation so concisely that we are printing it herewith:

"A serious problem confronts the Board of Education, and one which we believe your association could render a valuable service in solving.

Under the provisions of the excellent Illinois Child Labor law, the Board of Education maintains in the school system a Certificate Bureau where boys and girls of fourteen years of age must apply for a certificate to permit them to secure positions until they are sixteen years of age. Many of these children are so physically handicapped and show such evident signs of undernourishment that it is impossible, under the provisions of the law, to give them their working certificates until they can be built up to a normal condition of health and vigor. These children come, of course, from the very poorest families in the city and even the small amount of wages these children can contribute to the family budget is desperately needed. In refusing the certificates no adequate solution is found because the child returns to the very conditions in physical environment and home life which created his disability. These children are, however, the workmen of the future and economic necessity demands that they be saved for a life of productive labor. If these boys especially could be taken to Arden Shore camp this winter and given from three to six months in the open air, with good care and adequate food, they would, we are confident, at the end of this time be able to help carry the family burdens and be saved permanently for a life of useful industry and citizenship.

It is impossible for the Board of Education, under its legal limitations, to appropriate any money for food and clothing of these children, but the Board of Education would be very happy to co-operate with your organization in this work, and would provide the teaching force and the educational equipment necessary for these children during their stay at Arden Shore.

Urging upon you most sincerely a serious consideration of this vital problem which must have a solution, and that shortly, if our children are to be saved for the future."

Checks may be sent to Mrs. E. D. Parmalee of Kenilworth, treasurer of the association, and further information desired may be obtained from Mrs. Bruce MacLeish, 85 Wentworth street, Glencoe.

Several north shore women attended the meeting which was held in Chicago on Monday, and at which an effort was made to reduce high prices. Mrs. Joseph Bowen, president of the Woman's department of the Fair Price Commission of Illinois, presided. The meeting was held in the district courtroom of the Federal building, Chicago. The following plan of work was outlined by Mrs. Bowen.

Over one hundred speakers are to be chosen for Illinois, and their slogan is to be "Don't Buy". Publicity will be given through moving picture houses.

Major A. A. Sprague, the principal speaker of the day, stated that it was impossible to bring prices under government control. "The women can do what the attorney general and the department of justice cannot do," he said.

Two fundamentals that will bring down prices were set forth by Major Sprague. They are carefully buying and increased production. That only the American citizen can set the law of supply and demand was declared by him. The senate and the house of representatives cannot do this, he said.

According to Major Sprague the purchasing power of the average American citizen is nearly exhausted. The only way to help these people, he said, is by sane buying and the curbing of insane buying. Luxuries should not be bought, he says, for the production of these never placed a country on a firm financial basis. Labor employed in the production of luxuries is diverted from the production of necessities.

The next meeting of the Wilmette Woman's club will be held on Wednesday afternoon, January 14. The regular monthly luncheon will precede the program, which is under the direction of the Child and Home department. Stephen A. Lloyd will be the speaker of the afternoon his subject being, "Treasures and Treasure Houses". Reservations for the luncheon should be mailed to Mrs. T. J. Moreau, 1507 Walnut avenue. The hostesses will be Mrs. David J. Davis, and Mrs. Wiley Haven Jones.

A DROP IN THE BUCKET

Every householder's expenses are divided into a number of items, among them being food, rent, clothing, fuel, household, furnishings, insurance, education, amusements, sickness, light and the telephone. Of these items light and the telephone constitute the smallest costs, regardless of the fact of their indispensability.

UNCLE SAM HAS JOBS FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS

Soldiers who are partially disabled from wounds received in the war are to be assisted in finding employment in civil positions under the War Department, according to information received from the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

It is stated that the War Department, the Federal Board for Vocational Education, and the Civil Service Commission will within a few weeks have completed a plan they have had under consideration for some time, one of co-operation whereby the employment under the War Department of partially disabled soldiers, including those who ordinarily would be barred from civil positions because of their physical condition, will be facilitated in every way possible, and which will permit the employment of partially disabled men on the same basis as those who have not sustained physical injury.

The War Department has considerably more than 100,000 civilian employes in its various establishments, and it is believed by Government officials that this large force can absorb the several thousand partially disabled men without serious detriment to the service. The Civil Service Commission states that a circular setting forth the plan in full will be ready for distribution in two or three weeks.

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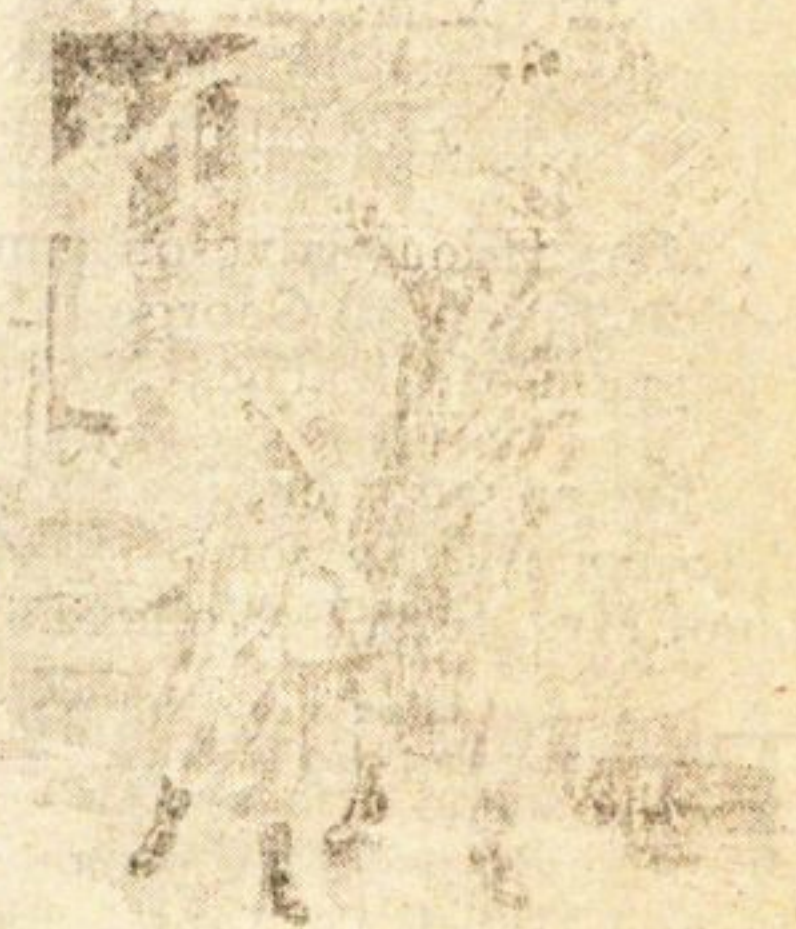
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