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## MASON TO RELATE WAR EXPERIENCES

Member of Winnetka Post, American Legion, To Give Impressions of the Fighting before Local Legion Meeting

## POST TO HONOR NURSES

Set Aside Sunday as Day of Tribute To "Women Of Our Fighting Forces"; Wear a Rose!

Frederick Mason, member of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion and formerly of Riley's Bucks, the 149th Field Artillery, will relate his experiences on the battlefields of France before the Legion members Tuesday evening, January 27, at the legion headquarters in the Winnetka Woman's club.

Mason's talk will be the first of a series to be given by members of the local post who experienced actual service at the front.

### Bowling, Cards, Chess

The speaking is to comprise only a limited part of the evening's activities. In addition the members will be asked to participate in bowling, cards, checkers or chess. Refreshments will be served.

Members of the Winnetka Post are preparing to pay fitting tribute to the Red Cross Nurses on Sunday, January 25, a day set aside for special honors due the "women of our fighting forces". Col. Milton J. Foreman, Illinois State Commander of the American Legion, this week sent out the following notice to all local posts in the state.

### Honor the Nurses!

"The attention of the State Commander has been called to the fact that Governor Harding of Iowa has issued a proclamation setting aside Sunday, January 25, as a day of tribute to the American Army nurses and has asked each citizen in his state to observe the day by wearing a rose or by sending roses to those who were in the service, or to those who are still in the service.

"It seems altogether fitting that there be the same observance of the day in Illinois, and in the absence of an official proclamation the American Legion offers a convenient and satisfactory means of making this observance general.

"Posts in the department of Illinois are therefore urged to encourage and actively promote and assist in an appropriate observance of the day, and to enlist the co-operation of all patriotic Americans in paying a just tribute to the women of our fighting forces.

Milton J. Foreman,  
State Commander."

## WANT HERO MEMORIAL ON WINNETKA VILLAGE GREEN

Village Council Hears Suggestions of Memorial Committee; Confer with Gold Star Mothers

Suggestions for establishment of a permanent hero memorial in Winnetka were outlined before the Village Council Tuesday evening by Mrs. W. J. Huddle, chairman of the Village Memorial committee.

Mrs. Huddle announced letters had been addressed to all Winnetka Gold Star mothers seeking their opinions concerning a permanent memorial proposed to be established on the Village Green. A secondary suggestion concerned the establishment of a hero memorial on the Lake front.

### ALTER EXIT SIGNS

Exit signs at the Community House gymnasium were re-arranged this week to insure safety in case of mishap which might result in putting the place in darkness. The exit lights are wired from a separate feed wire so that the absolute loss of power from the station, only, could cause them to be extinguished in case of accident.

### NEW VILLAGE HALL?

The Village Council Tuesday evening authorized the appointment of a new committee to work on plans relative to the erection of a new Village Hall. President Miller is expected to announce the members of the new committee in the near future.

### BUYS WINNETKA HOME

The J. Meyers home in Winnetka was purchased this week by Thomas Downs of Chicago. Downs will take possession in May. The transaction was made through the Paul Schroeder Co. real estate firm.

## Considers School Site Recommendation of School Board Warranted and Justified

By Charles M. Thomson

The Winnetka Weekly Talk:

I have been interested in the articles which have appeared in recent issues of the Weekly Talk, referring to the proposed new school building for Winnetka and particularly the matter of its location. At a meeting of parents held at the Greeley school last Monday evening, which I attended, there was some expression of criticism of the School Board in this connection, including an intimation that the members of that body, having been elected to serve the people and properly represent them and carry out their wishes in all matters coming within their jurisdiction, were showing a disregard of that duty, or lack of appreciation of it, in proceeding with plans to locate the new school on West Elm street over the protest of some of those living in the southeastern part of the Village.

I am sure that any man or woman who wants to be fair and just toward the members of the Board and who knows the facts involved, will find it impossible to take that attitude. After much careful thought, and after having solicited and received the advice of experts on the subject, the Board submitted a report to the people of the Village on the question of the location of the proposed new school and recommended the West Elm street site. There was every opportunity afforded us for discussion and consideration of the matter and when the referendum vote was taken on it, the people, by a substantial majority of those sufficiently interested to go to the polls and vote, approved and adopted the recommendation of the Board, and the question of the issuing of bonds by the School District to provide the funds for the purchase of the proposed site was also submitted to us and a majority of those voting on the question, placed their stamp of approval upon it by voting in favor of the bond issue. Of course, after the people of the Village had thus expressed their approval of the location of the new school on the site proposed, to say that in going ahead with the land thus approved, notwithstanding the dissatisfaction of some whose homes are located at some distance from the site, the

Board is lacking in an appreciation of its duty to serve the will of the people, is, to put it mildly, entirely unwarranted and wholly unfair.

Furthermore, it seems to me that anyone, willing to be unselfish enough to seek and consider all the facts and then pass judgment on the question in the light of those facts from the standpoint of the best interests of the whole Village and all its people rather than his or her own, will, upon such a consideration of the matter, come to the conclusion that the recommendation of the Board was fully warranted and justified.

The site is further away from my home than I wish it were and I dislike the idea of my children being obliged to go as far as they will when they come to the time when attendance at the school to be erected, will be necessary. But I appreciate that this school cannot be so located as to make us all happy over it and an examination of the facts of the case convinced me of the wisdom of the Board in choosing and recommending the site it did.

The taxing possibilities and the costs involved, make the building and maintenance of more than one new school in the Village, out of the question. That being the case that school should be located as near as available sites make it possible, to the center of our population, not as it is today, but as it seems from its present trend it will be, when the territory comprised within our Village limits is reasonably well taken up and occupied. An analysis of the data available on that subject, it seems to me, will convince all reasonable minds that the site selected was not only warranted but was about the only one which could be secured and which met all the requirements.

I am not a member of the Board and I hold no brief from them. I have had some experience, however, in an effort to serve the public and from that experience I know the tendency of some people to criticize and find fault with those elected to represent them without taking the trouble to investigate the facts or being willing to pass on them without the bias caused by selfish interests, and from the standpoint of the most good to the greatest number. Hence this letter.

## VILLAGE IS PROVIDED WITH POLICE AMBULANCE

New Machine Provided through Ayres Boal as a Gift from his Mother

Winnetka is now provided with a first class motor ambulance for emergency use. The new machine has been delivered and is now in service. The ambulance will be housed in one of the public garages until such time as additional space is provided at police headquarters.

The ambulance was formally presented to the Village Council Tuesday evening. It was acquired through the influence of Ayres Boal. Mrs. Charles T. Boal, Mr. Boal's mother, recently presented a check for \$1,200 to the treasurer of Community House for the purchase and equipment of an ambulance to be the property of the Village and to be utilized by the Boy Scouts under certain regulations.

The ambulance will be used primarily for accident cases and in instances of illness where the families cannot afford the expense of a private ambulance. The ambulance will be at the command of the physicians of the Village. It will be in charge of the department of police.

### YOUTHFUL HARPIS

Marcia Harriet Johnstone, youthful harpist pupil of Enrico Traumonti, first harpist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, last week entertained the Winnetka Elm Street circle. Miss Johnstone, who is only six years of age, played several instrumental harp selections and sang, playing her own harp accompaniments.

### FIREMEN'S BALL

The firemen will hold their annual ball and masquerade dance on Saturday evening, January 31, at Community House.

### BUSINESS TRIP

W. T. Wehrsted of the Winnetka Motor Company, went to Toledo, Ohio, this week to drive back some new Overland cars.

## WINNETKA STATE BANK PURCHASES NEW SITE

Lot 72 by 200 Feet, West of Boal Building, to be Site for Beautiful Bank Structure

Directors of the Winnetka State Bank this week announced the purchase, from Ayres Boal, of a lot 72 by 200 feet in size, just east of the Boal building on Elm street. The bank will, in the near future, erect a handsome and commodious bank building on a portion of this tract, and will sell the remainder.

The business of the bank has been growing by leaps and bounds, and the crowded condition of the present quarters made a change of location imperative.

The new building will conform in architectural style to the Boal building and will cost approximately \$60,000.

## PAUL KREGER INJURED AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

Paul Kreger, one of the leading indoor baseball players in Winnetka, was knocked into insensibility and painfully injured Sunday afternoon at the Community House when he was struck in the face by a bat which slipped from the hands of Jack Woods during the last inning of the Evanston-Winnetka indoor game.

Kreger was standing near third base at the time of the accident and was hit in the mouth. He regained consciousness after twenty minutes under Dr. J. E. Fonda's ministrations.

## NEW WEST SIDE PARK FOR HUBBARD WOODS

Plans for the establishment of a new park in Hubbard Woods were presented at the meeting of the Village Council Tuesday evening. It was reported that \$11,500 of the necessary \$12,500 for the purchase of the land had been subscribed by residents.

Location of the proposed park is immediately west of the Hubbard Woods station, bounded by Linden avenue, Gage street and Merrill street.

## "RUSSIA," TOPIC AT MEN'S CLUB DINNER

Graham Romeyn Taylor, Formerly of U. S. Diplomatic Corps in Petrograd, To Speak at Dinner Tuesday Evening

## FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE

Was in Russia During Czar's Regime, Through Provisional Government and under Bolsheviks

Graham Romeyn Taylor, recently of the American Embassy at Petrograd, and son of Graham Taylor, director of the Chicago Commons, will be the speaker before the meeting of the Men's club of Winnetka, on Tuesday evening, January 27, at Community House, at 7 o'clock. The occasion will be the regular monthly dinner and program of the club. Mr. Taylor will give "Impressions of Revolutionary Russia."

### Witnessed Big Changes

Mr. Taylor possesses first hand information through actual experiences, of conditions in Russia. He was in Russia during the regime of Czar Nicholas and witnessed the downfall of the absolute monarchy. He was active in Petrograd during the rule of the provisional government and remained for a time in the capital after North Russia fell into the hands of the Bolsheviks.

### Has Traveled Widely

In addition to his activities in Russia Mr. Taylor has traveled widely in the Orient and is well acquainted with conditions in those countries. He recently returned to the United States and is at present associated with the Illinois State Educational department. His home is at Ravinia.

All men of Winnetka are invited to attend the dinner and hear Mr. Taylor. The cost of the dinner will be nominal.

## PLAN NEW SUB-DIVISION FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN

Plans for the opening of a new subdivision in Winnetka were introduced by Frederick B. Thomas before the meeting of the Village Council Tuesday evening. The proposed subdivision lies immediately west of the present "Winnetka Heights" subdivision and is to be known as "Skokie View". It lies west of Rosewood avenue and north of Pine street.

The opening of the proposed subdivision was approved by the Village Council subject to the approval of E. P. Bennett, Winnetka Plan Commission architect.

## ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER DRAWS MANY RESIDENTS

The annual dinner of the Winnetka Congregational church was held Wednesday evening at Community House. About 340 members were present.

Dinner was served under the direction of Mrs. Percy W. Bradstreet and her committee. Reports were heard from various organizations of the church. A point of interest was the rejection by ballot of the proposed change of name for the church, to be known as "All Souls' Church".

### LECTURES HERE MONDAY

Prof. Herbert A. Miller, head of the department of Sociology at Oberlin College, will speak at the Winnetka Woman's club on Monday evening, January 26, on the subject, "The Substitute for Revolution". Prof. Miller comes to Winnetka under the auspices of the Winnetka Woman's club. He is an authority on Central European affairs. Every resident of the Village is invited to hear the lecturer at 8:15 o'clock.

### MYSTERY

Superintendent of Public Works Walter Gibbon left Winnetka Wednesday to be gone for a week. Deep shrouded mystery surrounds the temporary absence of the efficient head of the Village "clean-up" department. He wouldn't say. Can you guess? We did. In his absence George Wissman, able first assistant, will be in charge of the department.

### SCOUT FILM

The Boy Scout feature today is "The World Against Him", augmented by Charlie Chaplin in "The Bank".

### SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ILL

Superintendent of Schools Carleton W. Washburne was confined to his home this week suffering a severe cold.

## "FLU" SITUATION HERE IS ALARMING

Eighty-three Well Developed Cases Reported to Health Commissioner; Warns Extreme Precautionary Measures

## MAIL HEALTH CIRCULARS

Persons Suffering "Ordinary Colds" Ordered To Remain at Home until Colds Disappear

Winnetka's Spanish Influenza situation is alarming. Latest advises from Health Commissioner Dr. Schneider placed the number of well developed cases of influenza at eighty-three. Twenty-one cases were reported to the Health department in a single day, Thursday. According to Commissioner Schneider the peak of the epidemic has not yet been reached. Conditions are alarming, he warns, and every resident of the Village must be extremely careful and observe implicitly the Health regulations laid down and circularized this week to every home in the Village.

In many instances whole families are ill with the influenza. The entire household of Earl L. Weinstock, 850 Pine street, is reported afflicted with the malady.

### Some Physicians Lax

Complaints have reached the health department that some of the physicians in the Village are not reporting the light cases of influenza. It is specifically stated in the regulations issued by the department, says Commissioner Schneider, that all cases and all suspected cases are to be immediately reported to the Health department by the attending physician or attendant. The physician in charge of the case is responsible for notification at the Health department.

One of the very important precautionary rules laid down by the Health commissioner pertains to the confinement in the home of all persons suffering bad cases of, what are generally considered, ordinary colds. The regulation reads in part as follows:

### Stay at Home

"All cases of Influenza must be quarantined, and, as an ordinary cold can with difficulty be differentiated from the early symptoms or a light case of influenza, you are therefore hereby notified that all persons afflicted with what appears like an ordinary cold or any of the symptoms of influenza, must remain at home, and under no circumstances are such persons permitted to mingle with other people."

Public assemblies, school sessions and church services will not be interfered with at present, it is said.

## REHEARSALS START FOR BIG SPRING FESTIVAL

Miss Mildred Brandham Peirce again To Direct Big Dance Festival; Ask Women to Enroll

Rehearsals are now in progress for the Annual Spring Dance Festival given by the pupils of Mildred Brandham Peirce, at the Glencoe Woman's Library club on Wednesday afternoons and at the Winnetka Woman's club on Saturday afternoons.

This festival is produced each season by Miss Peirce and those wishing to take part should enroll now, or phone Evanston 1828.

Two years ago the Belgian children were the beneficiaries, and last year the Chicago Lighthouse for the blind was enriched. The charity for this year is to be announced later.

## GREELEY FUNERAL HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence M. Greeley, widow of Frederick Greeley, were held from Christ church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, January 21.

Mrs. Greeley passed away at her home, 200 Chestnut street, Tuesday morning, January 20, following a long illness.

### RESTRICT PHONE CALLS

Officials of the Chicago Telephone Company have requested subscribers on the north shore to restrict telephone calls as far as possible to purely essential communications. The influenza epidemic has materially impaired the working forces at the various exchanges, so that fewer operators are called upon to handle more calls than ordinary circumstances would require. Cut the calls to a minimum, is the request made in the interest of efficient service.