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OX-CART STILL MODE OF TRAVEL IN SERBIA

Dr. Alice Barlow Brown Relates Many Interesting Experiences in Most Recent Letter From Belgrade, Serbia.

HAS DIPHTHERIA ATTACK

Find Conditions Deplorable in Macedonia where Albanian Marauders Hold Sway

Winnetkans interested in the remarkable work undertaken by Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown, Winnetka physician and relief worker, will read with eager interest the accompanying letter received recently from Belgrade, in which Dr. Brown gives new insight into her work among the destitute Serbian war refugees.

The Winnetka Gift Shop is maintained to assist Dr. Brown in her work. During the war Dr. Brown was active in relief work among the wives and children of French soldiers. The Winnetka Weekly Talk has published letters from the Winnetka physician from time to time and presents her most recent communication in full herewith:

Varvarin, Serbia,
September 14, 1920.

Dear Mrs.....

Life in Veles is more comfortable than it was in Pristina and offers the opportunity of seeing people from home; still, work anywhere in Serbia is much more strenuous than it was in France, the latter was "de luxe" compared with conditions in Serbia. I have been worried about malaria as the further south one goes there are so many mosquitos and malaria has been spread by the military to places which, before the war, were free from it. Travelling in Serbia is very difficult and full of terrible discomforts. Civilized methods have not advanced, devastation is complete and all that follows in its wake must be endured. Although I saw quite a change for the better in Belgrade in six months in the outlying districts little is done and lack of organization is felt everywhere.

Await Fiume Decision

Macedonia has been long under the domination of the Turk and even when it was freed in 1912 another war followed so soon after nothing was accomplished and people hesitate to do anything towards a permanent improvement until the Fiume question is definitely decided. In entering the nearby villages to kill and pillage like savages. They have Pristina one heard daily of Albanians no respect for life or property.

While I was at work in Pristina I went every Saturday to Padejro, Albanian territory, 35 kilometers, distant, where no Serbian would go out unless well protected by gendarmes and where, every day, a heavy toll of lives was taken by the Albanians.

Ox-cart Travel

Serbia is an agricultural country, there are few railroads and one's connections are made in fiacres, Kolas or an ox-cart. I wish you might have seen me one day, riding on the top of my baggage on an ox-cart, slowly wending our way while I thought of the times spent in my automobile when I considered progress at 30 miles an hour slow going.

While I was ill with diphtheria I rented two rooms in an unfinished house and did light housekeeping. One of the Serbian young women whom I had been training, took good care of me. I spent about five weeks in bed. But I came out of it all right. It was a unique experience to be cared for exclusively by Serbians, and they are most kind. The interpreter, fortunately, also had stayed by me through my illness.

I have been considering, since my illness, helping in a dispensary in an outlying district in old Serbia, or working in a hospital connected with a large orphanage, the latter position would come from the Serbian government and I am waiting to hear from it. I may wait some time as it does everything with great deliberation.

Plans Further Studies

Before I return to America I want to take some work in Vienna to brush up a little, the work here is so varied it does not fit one for work at home.

With cordial greetings to all and my love to you,

Sincerely,
Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown,
Belgrade, Serbia

COL. REILLY SPEAKER AT MEN'S CLUB DINNER

Noted Winnetka War Hero and Correspondent to Tell of Recent Experiences in Warring Poland

The Winnetka Men's club is prepared for one of its best programs Tuesday evening, November 16, when Colonel Henry J. Reilly, Winnetka's foremost world war hero and commander of the famous "Reilly's Bucks," will tell of very recent experiences in connection with



Col. Henry J. Reilly

his personal observations of the struggle between the Bolshevik and Polish armies in the recent crisis.

Authority on Military

In addition to being an outstanding leader in the world war Colonel Reilly has long been recognized as one of the keenest of observers in the military field. He possesses, also, the happy faculty of transferring his observations to the printed page.

Colonel Reilly, who has been representing the Chicago Tribune as special correspondent in Poland, was paid this splendid tribute in the columns of the daily upon his return from Europe:

"Of all information coming to the English-speaking world during the crisis in Poland, when other news sources foreshadowed the occupation of Warsaw by the Bolshevik Russians, Colonel Henry J. Reilly alone raised a stout voice of cheer, advised the world that the capital was safe, and foreshadowed the turning of the Red tide.

Record of Truth

"Trained observer, as well as soldier, he visited the front and gave the readers of the Tribune and associated papers the record of the truth."

The men of Winnetka will want to appear at Community House for the Men's club dinner, Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, and to hear Colonel Reilly speak on "Poland and Bolshevism."

PITY POOR MR. IMES BUSINESS IS SO POOR

Notwithstanding the fact that George Imes, building contractor, is wintering in Wauseon, Ohio, he feels constrained occasionally to return to the village for a draught of Lake Michigan ozone.

Mr. Imes was in the village this week "on a brief business trip." He said when interviewed, "there is a notable scarcity of ambitious bridge players in Wauseon so I deemed it advisable to return to Winnetka to transact some very urgent business matters." His friends will testify to his marked business ability.

Mr. Imes will return to Winnetka in the spring accompanied by his family. During his brief visit here he announced that the spare tires and laprobe, stolen from his automobile a year ago, had not yet been found.

"FAITH AND CONVERSION"

"The Meaning of Faith and Conversion" is to be the topic of a discussion by the Rev. James Austin Richards of the Winnetka Congregational church at Community House Tuesday morning, November 16, at 10 o'clock. The lecture is one of a series on the general theme "Central Christian Realities." The lectures are open to the public.

J. M. DICKINSON, JR., HEADS LOCAL LEGION

Members of Winnetka Post Enjoy Annual Armistice Day Dinner at Woman's Club

J. M. Dickinson, Jr., former vice commander of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion was elected commander of the Post Thursday evening at the annual Armistice Dinner of the post held at the Winnetka Woman's club. H. W. Snell was elected vice commander of the local legion unit. Other officers chosen to lead the Post in the ensuing year were Stanley Clague, Jr., adjutant; William Wildman, assistant adjutant; L. Sherman Aldrich, treasurer; Samuel Otis, sergeant-at-arms.

The annual Armistice dinner of the Winnetka Post, participated in by 150 ex-service men of the village, was pronounced a "howling" success. The dinner was replete with surprises altogether too numerous to mention.

The dinner was in charge of Samuel Otis, chairman of arrangements, assisted by William Wildman.

Between courses there was keen rivalry in singing among the tables. Among the speakers of the evening were Merritt Starr, Winnetka Gold Star father, who emphasized to the young men the crying need in this country for Americanization work, pointing out the astounding degree of illiteracy and physical defection in the national forces during the war.

Col. Henry J. Reilly, Winnetka's most distinguished leader in the World War, spoke to the men concerning the controversy between Poland and the bolshevik Russians. Col. Noble B. Judah related some of the experiences in the work of the Intelligence Department in France during the war.

A presentation speech by Mr. Starr, Adjutant Clague distributed Victory medals to the legion members.

A resolution, offered by the Commander of the Evanston Post, requesting endorsement by legion posts of the Salvation Army fund drive, was favored by unanimous vote. The vote was given in consideration of the splendid work of the Salvation Army among the American forces at the battle fronts.

Lieut. A. F. McCordic Buried at Graceland

Winnetka Gold Star Hero Laid to Rest by Legion Men Amid Impressive Ceremony

Seventy-five Winnetka American Legion men, in uniform, assembled at Graceland cemetery Saturday with relatives and friends of Lieut. A. F. McCordic, to pay final tribute to the memory of the Winnetka Gold Star hero, whose remains were brought from the battlefields of Europe for burial in the family plot in Chicago.

The legion men attended the services at the request of Mr. A. E. McCordic, father of the aviator-hero, who met an untimely death in an accident.

Services at Graceland were conducted by the Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ church, and chaplain in the World War. Mr. Gerhard was assisted by the Rev. J. W. F. Davies, assistant pastor of the Winnetka Congregational church. The services were simple but impressive. A host of friends were at the grave to honor the memory of a Winnetka fighter who made the supreme sacrifice.

EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS FORM INSTITUTE

Sunday school leaders in Episcopal churches of the north shore are to meet at St. Augustine's Episcopal church, Wilmette, Wednesday evening, November 17, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Church school Institute. Towns to be represented are Evanston, Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Forest and Waukegan.

Bishop Charles P. Anderson, who called the meeting for Wednesday evening, will outline the work of the proposed institute. The institute, which is to meet monthly, is sponsored by the Department of Religious Education of the Episcopal church.

ADMIT FORTY MEMBERS

Forty new members were united with the Winnetka Congregational church at last Sunday's services.

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ARMISTICE CEREMONY

Exercises and Special Talks in All Winnetka Schools Commemorate End of World War.

Armistice Day was celebrated in each of the Winnetka schools by appropriate patriotic exercises, participated in by the children. At the Horace Mann school there was singing of patriotic songs, an address on the meaning of Armistice Day and of our flag by Mr. J. A. Humphreys, principal of the Indeterminate school, and a talk by Harry P. Clarke, supervisor of recreation, in which he told the adventures of the little flag he had carried through the big war. The flag was shown to the children.

The children in one of the fifth grades at the Horace Mann school, under the leadership of Miss Julia Stipe, their teacher, organized a remarkable war exhibit, to which all other grades in the building were invited. There were over a hundred war pictures and about ninety war trophies of various kinds. There were American and German gas masks, war helmets, bayonets, shells, time-bombs, a model aeroplane hanging in the middle of the room, coins of various nations, and many other articles of interest. Larned Blatchford presided at one of the tables of trophies, containing a number gathered by his father, and explained them to the children who visited.

Tots Told Story.

At the Greeley school the first and second grades assembled together and the story of the armistice was told to them in language that they could understand. The third grade to the sixth assembled in the assembly hall and, after singing national songs, were addressed by Mr. John McCormick, who told graphically of his experience in the war.

Skokie school celebrated in the assembly hall with songs and three talks—two by sixth grade boys, one of whom told of our past wars and the other of how the signing of the armistice was celebrated in Chicago. The third talk was by Mr. Harold Ickes, who described the armistice celebration in Paris at the close of the war.

OH, BOY! DID YOU HEAR WHAT FRED WENT AND DID?

There was a vacant chair at the American Legion dinner at the Woman's club Thursday evening.

The chair had been assigned to Frederick Thomas Richardson, Jr., proprietor of a Winnetka combination riding stable and auto livery station.

"Where is Fred?" queried a comrade.

Then the truth came out. On Thursday afternoon our well known Mr. Richardson hunted up the Rev. J. W. F. Davies and hours before the village was draped in darkness, was on his way to Council Bluffs, Iowa, accompanied by a brand new bride, the same being Miss Marguerite Myra Keehn of Winnetka.

"Fred always did do things on the quiet and on the spur of the moment like and then tell you all about them sometime later," quote one of his gasping cronies.

HEAR ELMER E. ADAMS WILL BE POSTMASTER

Persistent rumors are going the rounds of the village foreshadowing the selection of Elmer E. Adams as Winnetka's next postmaster.

These reports bear credence in view of the fact that Mr. Adams, who has been in the postal service over 30 years, was formerly postmaster of the village under the administration of President Taft.

During his term as postmaster Mr. Adams won the respect and confidence of the residents by his genial manner and excellent services which, it is felt, will again be welcomed by the villagers.

Mr. Adams is at present engaged in the railway mail service. He holds the advantage among possible prospects for the post in view of his excellent qualifications.

HEAR NEGRO SINGERS

A large audience of villagers enjoyed an unusually interesting program of music at Community House Thursday evening, given by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, of Fisk University, a Negro school. Plantation melodies, spirituals and Negro rhythms featured the program.

LOCAL CHURCH HAS BIG 1921 PROGRAM

Every Member Canvass of Community To Be Conducted on Sunday, December 5; Prepare for Bigger Work

TO ASSUME \$50,000 BUDGET

Prominent Laymen to Explain and Outline the Plans For the 1921 Work

Recognition that the growth of Winnetka is bringing new responsibilities to its institutions is seen in the preparation by the Winnetka Congregational church for the work during 1921. The Finance committee has made up a budget of \$50,000 which it is asking the church to assume, in the full confidence that the program will meet with hearty support.

A letter issued this week to members of the parish points out that church expenses have risen in the same proportion as expenses in individual homes and that to simply maintain its work the church requires added funds. The influx of new families is throwing added burden upon the pastors which must be met, and the church school facilities are over-taxed.

Big Mission Program

That the church is thinking also of its responsibilities for work in this country and abroad is shown by its 1921 aim of \$11,000 for objects outside of Winnetka as against \$4,200 contributed through the regular weekly system this year. This is Winnetka's share in the \$5,000,000 national quota.

The two quotas, \$39,000 for Winnetka, and \$11,000 for the world at large, are not excessive, in the belief of the Finance committee, when it is considered that the church comprises of 650 members from twenty different denominations. The church, it is pointed out, has given of its life to many phases of community service. It deserves, the committee thinks, the backing of the community in its forward plans.

Laymen Present Needs

Preparatory to an Every Members canvass on Sunday, December 5, an educational program is being conducted. One of the interesting features is a series of short addresses at the Sunday morning services by laymen. On November 14 John W. Scott will present the needs of the local church. On November 21 William C. Boyden will speak on Community House. On November 28 the call of Missionary endeavor will be presented by William Ayer McKinney.

"IN AGAIN, OUT AGAIN", CHANTS CLARENCE HAPP

Clarence Happ, assistant manager of the Winnetka Coal and Lumber company, motoring from the McCordic funeral at Graceland cemetery Saturday with a group of uniformed Winnetka Legion men, was stopped in Kenilworth by motorcycle policeman Clement Ley, charged with driving at an excessive rate of speed.

The party was halted into the offices of Justice McKenna, at Kenilworth, where Ley claimed to have identified them a group of Fort Sheridan officers who had been habitually violating speed regulations.

"I've been laying for them," announced officer Ley.

"But we're not Fort Sheridan men," explained Happ, who then proceeded to unfold the real identity of the party, supplemented with an explanation of their mission on that particular afternoon.

"That's different," exclaimed the justice. "Dismissed!"

UNIQUE DECORATION

Something unique in decorations was found in the banquet hall at the American Legion Armistice dinner Thursday evening. A large 300 pound cake of ice, arranged on a standard in the center of the banquet hall, offered a new idea in illumination, having been frozen around three red, white and blue electric bulbs. The decoration was the work of the North Shore Distilled Water Ice company.

KIPPY ORHESTRA DANCE

The six-piece Kippy orchestra is entertaining the young people of the village this evening at Community House with another of its popular dances.