

YOUR DONATIONS BUOY SPIRITS OF DR. BROWN

Winnetka Serbian Relief Worker Says, "I Sometimes Feel Depressed and I Need My Friends More and More."

SACRIFICE, DAILY ROUTINE

Gives Own Clothing to Poor Serbian Women; Tells of Life Among the Peasant Class.

Acknowledgement of the contribution of \$70 by Winnetkans for the Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown Serbian Relief fund is made this week in connection with the accompanying letter received recently from the Winnetka woman physician who is giving all her time to the aid of the inhabitants of the war desolated Balkan state. The acknowledgement is made by Mrs. M. L. Greeley, who is in charge of the fund in Winnetka and who states that the second check for 2,373 dinars was mailed to Dr. Brown on January 10, to be used in her work among the Serbian peasants.

Dr. Brown's suggestion in the following letter that money be sent in "dollars" cannot be concurred in, says Mrs. Greeley, who explains that this is impracticable because of the high charge in transacting the financial exchange. Mrs. Greeley's statement is upon advice of a leading banker.

Dr. Brown's latest letter reads in part as follows: Varvarian, Serbia, December 1, 1920. Dear A—:

Your good letter with check enclosed, received November 10. I went to Belgrade to deposit the check and learned that had you sent it in dollars, I could have realized 1,200 more dinars on it. The exchange varies so much—during the war there were five dinars to the dollar, since then it has fluctuated from 17 to 45 and two weeks ago it was 56.

I shall spend the \$100 mostly for shoes and shirts if I can get them, both are badly needed to keep the poor youngsters warm. I brought some knitted scarfs with me and have given them all away. They are not worn as scarfs but worn about the body to keep it warm.

Clothing In Demand

A long time must go by before this country will be able to raise enough wool to meet the demand. I tried to buy some flannel in Belgrade but could not find any. I have given away all of my woolen waists and my shoes, except the ones I am wearing. It seemed so selfish of me to have more than one and they nothing. The English mission had flannel cloth sent in over a year ago but now nothing comes from England to the missions and the American Red Cross has withdrawn from Serbia too.

I stayed in Pristina until August 25, and then I went to Banjia, Bastia, to help an American woman physician who was working at an English mission in the villages round about here. In one of the smaller villages they had a scarlet fever epidemic and all the children died, it is so difficult to teach the people the observance of quarantine. After a week's work I found I was still unable to undertake continuous hard work so I came to Varvarin where I now am living with a Serbian peasant widow and her daughter; the son, who was my interpreter, is now working in Belgrade. I have learned enough Serbian to get along with them. The daughter is a very apt pupil in English and we spend evenings together in helping each other. The tales they tell of what they endured when the Austrians were here, makes one's blood boil. Demanding eggs at the point of a pistol, dismantling their houses, taking their beds and bed-covers, all their stock and burning their outbuildings for fuel.

Scant Wheat Crop

In Serbia the farm land lies outside the villages. Early every morning the ox-carts pass by laden with workers on their way to the fields. We are having Indian summer just now and plowing is in progress. Because of the lack of fall rains a scanty wheat crop is expected. I am told the peasants of Serbia own 80 per cent of the land, certainly the northern portion of Serbia, at least, has a more prosperous appearance than Macedonia, but the orientals hold back progress everywhere.

The children of Serbia are not made to go to school, instead, they are expected to take care of the stock. They work hard from dawn till dark and continue to use primitive means in farming. They live out-of-doors most of the time, but when in the house all crowd into one room. It is not an unusual thing for eight or ten to sleep in one large bed, not a bed such as we have, but one made of something like a carpenter's horse on which planks are placed and then a woolen blanket filled with straw for a mattress placed on top. They sleep in all their day clothes, except perhaps remove their jackets. I have taught the young girl

here to take off her clothes at night, bathe, and put on a special sleeping garment. It means more work for her but now she has experience of the relief of it, she will never go back to the old way.

The Serbians are a simple people, hospitable and kind, and when you know them you love them.

Sometimes I have felt quite depressed and never have I needed my friends so much as in the past six months. But I am better now.

Yours,
DR. ALICE BARLOW BROWN.

LINCOLN FILM HAS LEADERS' APPROVAL

"The Highest Law" Portraying an Abraham Lincoln Role to Show at Community House Friday

The management of the Community House Motion Pictures scored a typical victory over Chicago and suburban motion picture exhibitors in the showing next week of "The Highest Law," an Abraham



"THE HIGHEST LAW" A RALPH INCE PRODUCTION — Selznick Pictures

Lincoln picture, said by many critics to be superior to any and all of the films which have used the story of "Honest Abe" for their plot. It will appear at Community house next Friday evening.

The picture is five reels in length and comes direct to Winnetka from a leading Chicago theater where it enjoyed a successful run.

Ralph Ince, famous director and also star lead in "Out of the Snows,"

and "Red Foam," plays the part of America's famous "Civil War President." It is not the first time Ince has portrayed the role as he appeared in several other Lincoln cinemas among them "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Land of Opportunity." The latter picture was shown at Winnetka last season.

Teachers Give Approval

"The Highest Law" was shown Monday afternoon at Community House to the teachers, principals and ministers of Winnetka's schools and churches. All present voiced the opinion that it was the best and most instructive yet highly entertaining of any Abraham Lincoln film success to date.

Miss L. Mohr, History instructor at the Horace Mann school, writes to the management:

"I have seen the film entitled 'The Highest Law' at the special showing for teachers. The spirit underlying it is good and should lead us—and the children who see it—to a better conception of the fineness of Lincoln."

(Signed) L. Mohr.

The shows next Friday will be at 7:15 and 8:45 o'clock. There will be an added feature in the form of an Andy Gump comedy.

The management also wishes to announce that 33 and 1-3 per cent of the proceeds will be given to the "Billy" Haines fund.

FIVE BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY AUTHORITIES

The following building permits were issued recently by the department of public works:

R. M. Snyder, 1311 Asbury avenue, addition to residence, \$900; Fred A. Ellis, brick shop and office at 840 Center street, \$10,000; H. Bengston, 794 Walden road, stucco residence, \$11,000; P. J. Benz, 876 Pine street, garage, \$300; James Lang, 485 Fir street, frame residence, \$12,000.

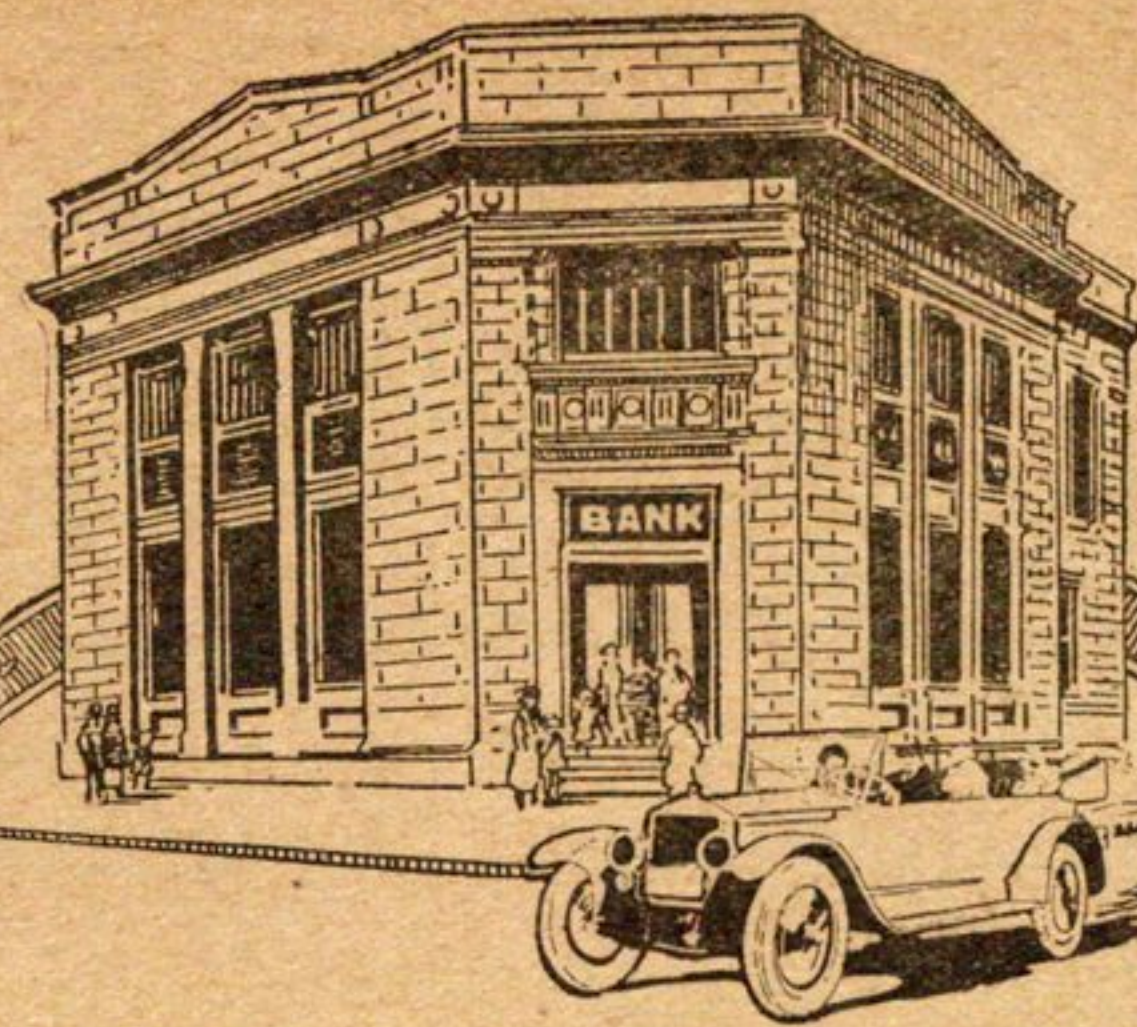
DISCONTINUE SERIAL

The Winnetka Community House Motion Picture management wishes to announce that because of the numerous complaints, the serial "Fantomas", which recently began a 20-weeks run at Winnetka, has been discontinued.

BRIEF LECTURE BY CHIEF

The children of the third grade of Horace Mann school, under the leadership of their teacher, Miss Jones, journeyed to the Winnetka fire station Thursday afternoon where the intricacies of the fire truck was explained to them by Fire chief Houren.

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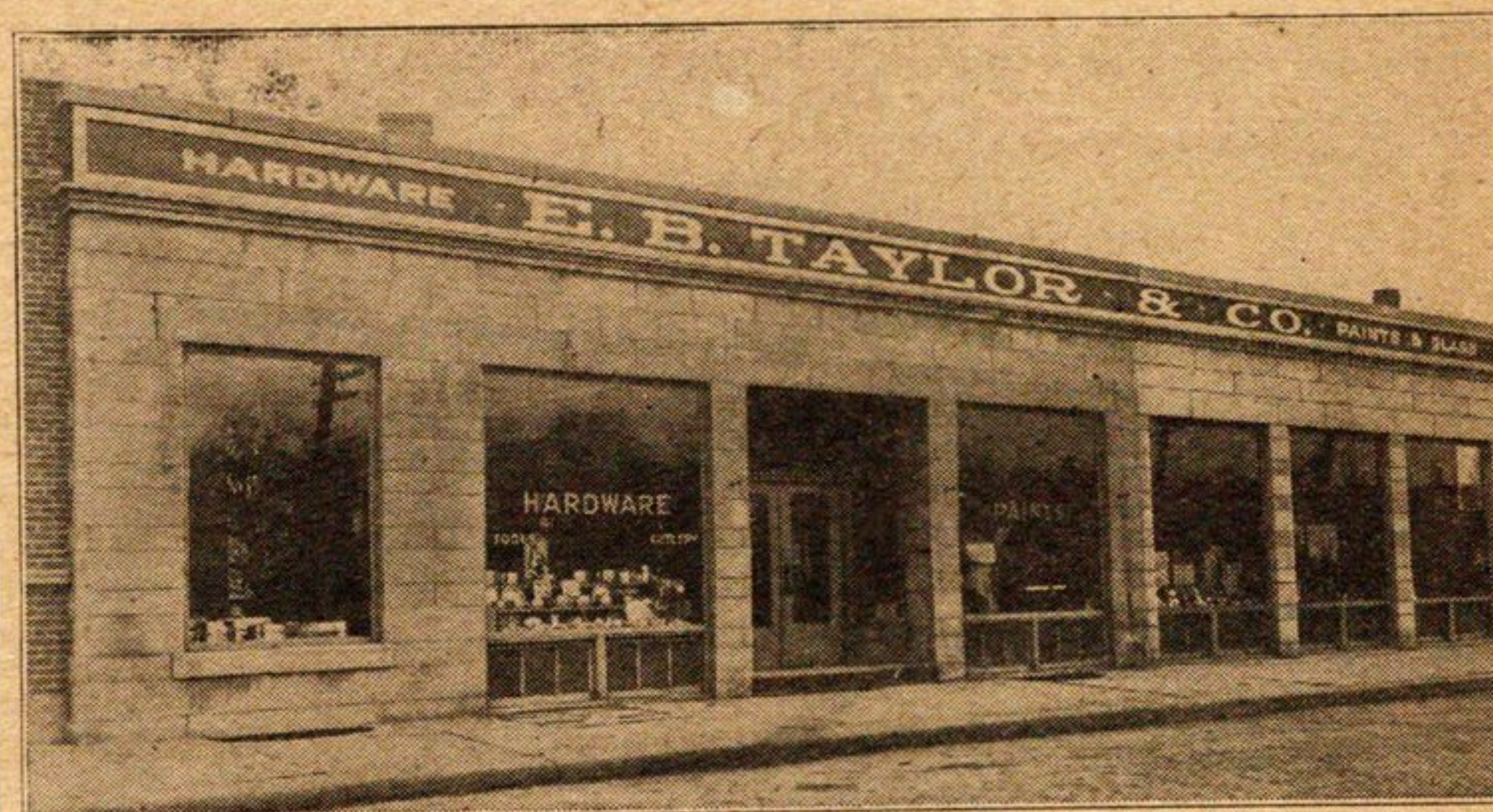
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