

# ARDEN SHORE IS HAVEN FOR SICK

Boys and Girls of the Tenements given a Chance to Take Places as Citizens

## FUND DRIVE IN MAY

Camp at Lake Bluff a North Shore Charity

To old residents of the north shore the history of the founding and rapid development of the Arden Shore camp at Lake Bluff is undoubtedly familiar, but as there are many new comers each year this brief outline is presented that they may know about this great charity to which all the villages of the north shore will contribute during the month of May. This fresh air camp was started as an adjunct to Gad's Hill Settlement then, as now, in the neighborhood of 22nd and Robey streets, Chicago.

### Was Gad's Hill Camp

In 1901 the camp was first established on the nine acres of ground between Glencoe and Highland Park and was called Gad's Hill camp. There were no permanent buildings, only tents, and but thirty guests could be accommodated. At first during the short summer season the camp was supported by each north shore village for one week and the women of the villages did volunteer service. Now there are more than 21 acres of land, owned by the association, many permanent buildings, a capacity of 500 guests at one time and a regular paid staff of workers.

It was in March 1908 that the present site of the camp, a beautiful tract of forest land overlooking Lake Michigan, just north of Lake Bluff, was purchased and the name was changed to Arden Shore.

The camp is now open almost all the year round, a brief interval being

allowed late in the spring and early in the fall to change from winter to summer work and back again.

### Real Health Camp

The camp was formerly devoted entirely to vacation work among the mothers and children of Chicago's congested districts and that is still a large part of its mission. Of late years, however, the work has developed more and more along the lines of constructive charity. Groups of undernourished children, girls in summer and boys in winter, are taken to the camp and scientifically built up by good food, rest and fresh air until they are physically fit to enter the industrial world and take care of themselves and help support their families. Their attitude toward life is also changed and sullen, unhappy little beings, who believe that life holds nothing for them but hard knocks, are converted into healthy, happy, industrious little citizens who believe in the friendship of their employers and are ready to take an efficient part in the world of work.

### Vacations For Mothers

In summer, besides the nutritional work, vacations of two weeks or longer are given to mothers and children. The mothers have a chance to rest and play, also they learn how to take care of their babies, keep their houses clean and how to make over clothing for their families. The clothing is generously furnished by North Shore women.

The babies get the trained and intelligent care they need and groups of little convalescent children from Chicago hospitals have a chance to grow strong and rosy during the long summer days. A visitor asked one little tot who was lying on a cot under a big tree if she would not like some toys, and the answer came: "No ma'm, I don't need any toys here. I just like to look at the trees and the lake and hear the birds sing."

Games, picnics on the beach, dancing and singing in the big amusement hall, and best of all swimming in Lake Michigan every day, make the vacation pass all too quickly. One poor woman said, when the time came for her to go home: "I feel like I was leaving Heaven when I go away from Arden Shore."

### Would Help More Boys

During the winter of 1923-24 the directors of the association wish to install a new group of boys at the camp—little fellows about 12 who have finished their required school work but are too young and under-

nourished to be given working certificates. If they can be given a good physical start this early in life they will have a much better chance when it is time for them to enter the industrial world. The present staff can take care of this group in addition to the older boys if the needed equipment and extra funds for running expenses can be obtained.

### Clothing Magnate Plans \$100,000 Kenilworth Home

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