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PACIFISTS AND LEGION CLASH

Anti-War Propoganda Stirs Leaders of Post Ten at Winnetka

WOMEN JOIN DEBATE

Community House Filled at Mass Meet

Until the nations can find another way to get around war than is used, the people and youth of the country have to be taught preparedness and not pacifism. That was the general view of the public which opposed pacifism at the open meeting held at the Community House at Winnetka, Monday evening, June 23, sponsored by the Winnetka Legion, Post 10, with Alfred E. McCortie as leader of the discussion.

"Build up patriotism by a positive means, not by attacking the other fellow," was the argument presented by Mrs. James F. Porter, who was the only person of the audience to express the pacifist side. She stated that many people confuse a pacifist with a traitor. These are by no means synonymous, according to her opinion, and she exemplified this by giving Will Irwin, author of "The Next War."

Students' Oath Offends

This meeting was called as a result of letters sent to schools, churches and organizations to express the attitude of the people on the stand recently taken at Northwestern university by some 38 students who signed an oath not to participate in war. Just a few of the Winnetka letters were answered and these favored the patriotic instead of the pacifist tendency.

The legion meeting room was overflowed with men and women eager to hear the opinions of others and to express their own on this pacifist wave that touched the north shore with the university 38. The meeting was opened by Thomas Lynch, commander of the Winnetka legion post. A copy of the resolutions drawn up at the meeting of the seventh district legion group of Illinois and which was published in the WINNETKA TALK, May 31, was read.

The members of the Winnetka legion post were not in complete agreement with the resolutions, but they were in favor of teaching patriotism instead of pacifism to the youth of the nation, according to the statement read.

Sees Future War

Mr. McCortie then took charge of the meeting. He showed that much of the world's history had to do with wars for the extension of domains, for the honor of an individual, for the protection of property, for justice and for liberty. From the point of history, Mr. McCortie pointed out, "we will be called upon sometime in the future to take part in some war. . . . What should be our mental attitude? What should we teach our children? What should be the attitude of our schools.

Mrs. Porter was the first one of the audience to start the open discussion of the meeting. She objected to the use of pacifist as synonymous with coward or traitor. "You must itch to fight if you fight this pacifism," she urged.

Defines Pacifist

When a definition of a pacifist was asked from Mrs. Potter, she gave an off-hand belief of what she thought he was, "a person who thinks that war is no means to settle international disputes."

Mrs. Harold Ickes remarked that she was hardly a pacifist with her husband, son and daughter taking active part during the war. "The war was over now and we think of the war to come," she stated. "The legion ought to meet the problems that have come out of it and to train to work together to meet another conflict when it comes."

One legion member asserted that no person has a right to teach the youth of the land that they should not help protect the nation when threatened. Objection was raised to the belief of Tolstoi that all authority is based on violence.

Evanston Represented

The Evanston legion post was represented at the meeting by a delegation. H. L. Garwood, commander of the Evanston legion post, when asked about the 38 pacifists, replied that they were exceptionally bright and that it would be best to drop the matter.



THE FOURTH OF JULY

By CHARLES SPRAGUE

To the sages who spoke, to the heroes who bled,

To the day and the deed, strike the harp-strings of glory!

Let the song of the ransomed remember the dead,

And the tongue of the eloquent hallow the story!

O'er the bones of the bold

Be the story long told,

And on fame's golden tablets their triumphs enrolled

Who on freedom's green hills freedom's banner unfurled,

And the beacon-fire raised that gave light to the world!

They are gone—mighty men!—and they sleep in their fame:

Shall we ever forget them? Oh, never! no, never!

Let our sons learn from us to embalm each great name,

And the anthem send down—"Independence forever!"

GAS COMPANY SHOWS EXCELLENT GROWTH

Holders of 7 per cent preferred stock in the North Shore Gas company were receiving checks, this week, in payment of the quarterly dividend on their investments therein for the quarter ending June 30, it was announced yesterday by Lester Price, assistant general manager at the company's headquarters.

According to Mr. Price, interest in this profit-sharing plan by which the company's patrons are given opportunity to invest in the company's stock is proving popular with the public and the number of stockholders drawing dividends is growing rapidly. Mr. Price said to a Talk representative:

"The North Shore Gas company has experienced a remarkable growth the present year and the number of stockholders has increased far beyond the fondest anticipations of our officials. Sound financial operation has kept the company's affairs in excellent condition and all—officers and stockholders alike—foresee even brighter prospects for the immediate future. The North Shore Gas company is as substantial as the Rock of Gibraltar."

Postpone Paving Work On New Chestnut Court

At a special meeting of the Village council, held Wednesday evening, July 2, it was decided to reject all bids received for the paving of Chestnut court and the construction of sidewalks.

In accordance with the plans agreed upon between the village and property owners, bids were received and read at the council meeting Tuesday evening, for the paving of Chestnut court and the construction of sidewalks. The bids were referred to the village engineer for tabulation, and when they were considered at the special meeting, it was decided to reject all the bids at this time.

The postponement, until September 1, of the award of the contract for the work was made with the intention of giving the property owners sufficient time to install water mains and sanitary sewers.

Three Boys and a Ford Launched On Coast Journey

Three north shore youths leave today for the west. They are following the sage advice of Horace Greeley, "Go West, young man, go West."

Ralph Ortegal and Wallace Leffingwell, of Wilmette, and Burton H. Atwood, Jr., of Winnetka, start their journey over hill and dale, rough road and paved road, wilderness and civilization. The 7-year-old Ford will help them ramble along with the clinkity-clank-clank, announcing to motorists and people in communities that the wanderlust has taken hold of three more young men on vacation.

It is to be a through trip to Seattle, Washington, if nothing happens to friend clinkity-clank-clank. Then, maybe, along the Pacific coast to California, the local boys will try to urge their four-wheeled friend along.

It is not to be a rush trip. The travelers plan to take six or eight weeks, depending on the luck they have. Here and there they plan to stop and work to support themselves, for they are taking \$25 with them altogether. And if their commutation means give way, they will have to put in special time to earn railroad fare back to the north shore.

"The Worth of a Man" Richards' Sermon Topic

"The Worth of a Man" will be the subject of Rev. James Austin Richards' sermon at the Winnetka Congregational church tomorrow.

Sunday's service will mark the reception of new members and the celebration of Communion.

EX-SERVICE MEN, NOTICE

Ex-service men are advised that they can secure application blanks for their federal bonus at the Hill and Stone real estate offices, 545 Lincoln avenue. They also have facilities for making finger prints of the applicants for the bonus.

LIFT FEDERAL TAX FROM PHONE CALLS

After midnight on Wednesday, July 2, any toll or long distance telephone messages will be free from the federal tax, which has been in effect since April 1, 1919. H. B. Gates, commercial manager of this district of the Illinois Bell Telephone company, announced this week.

This tax of 5 cents on each message of from 15 to 50 cents, and 10 cents on each message of over 50 cents, added materially to the cost of telephoning, especially on toll messages over moderate distances. Mr. Gates explained, and removal of it will permit more liberal use of the service without adding to the cost.

Mr. Gates stated that the telephone company, anticipating an increased use of the toll service, particularly to nearby points, has provided additional equipment and personnel to meet the demand.

Permits for New Homes Issued at Village Hall

Building permits were granted for two residences and five garages this week. Henry J. Maher was given permission to construct a brick veneer residence and garage at 709 Walden avenue for \$18,000, and Joseph F. Wolf is to build a frame residence and garage at Whitman" subdivision for \$9,000.

Garages will be built by Herman Bucher at 933 Ash street for \$200; L. S. Marsh, 1427 Asbury avenue, \$600; Harry Bergstrom, 975 Oak street, \$500; John Komen, 561 Fir street, \$150; and Christian Ongman, 593 Provident avenue, \$190.

C. of C. Band to Give Concert Here July 11

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce band is to appear in a free concert on the Village common Friday evening, July 11, at 8 o'clock, according to Theodore Morse, conductor.

Friday's concert, if successful from the viewpoint of the attendance it attracts, will be the first of a regular series of concerts by the local music organization.

LITTLE SPIRO RIGHT AT HOME

Adopted Immigrant Now a Full-Fledged U. S. School Boy

HERO AMONG KIDDIES

Children Delighted With His Strange Story

Little Spiro, the Serbian youngster adopted by Miss Beatrice Mann, who was the Glencoe Union church missionary at Monastir, is delighted with the United States, the north shore and his new home. The squirrels, running from tree to tree, seem to puzzle Spiro. He had not seen a squirrel until he came to Glencoe.

Last Sunday Spiro told the Sunday school children a story of his home country. He was somewhat dazed by the neat and cleanly dressed children, with their smiling round faces, who greeted him. He had not seen such at Monastir.

Spiro is attending the Summer Vacation Bible school at Glencoe, and each day after the school session he comes home to Miss Mann to show her his handiwork. He tells her the lessons he learned at the school. At the Bible school his teachers are surprised at the interested attitude that Spiro has taken toward the school lessons and the children and people in the United States.

That's the little boy whom the immigration officers at Ellis Island wanted to bar from entering the United States because the Serbian immigrant quota was filled. They tried to disregard the fact that he was an American through the adoption of Miss Mann, who would not take the words of the Ellis Island officials as final. Miss Mann and the members of the Glencoe Union church wired Washington, and not until word was received at New York that he might enter as an American by adoption, did they relinquish their efforts in his behalf.

Had the efforts of Miss Mann been disregarded, Spiro would have been deported to Monastir. There he would have had to go back to his old means of getting food for his little body. There, in a little village that was almost barren, he would have had to search in the gutters and sewers for garbage from which he would be able to keep his little body alive. His mother and father have both passed away.

But Washington officials nodded their heads at the requests and statements of Miss Mann and her friends. After a week's detention at Ellis Island, Spiro left New York with Miss Mann for Glencoe, Thursday, June 26, and arrived in Chicago Friday afternoon. Since then, Spiro has found all his new friends and fellow citizens the closest companions.

Now, his is the land of the free as well as the just.

SEEK AID TO RECLAIM PLAYFIELD GOLF LINKS

"The right way to do, even if they do not play golf, is for them to take out memberships and help the park board put the Playfield in good shape." That was the opinion of one Winnetka citizen with reference to the condition of the Skokie Playfield golf course.

The golf course is in poor shape because of the heavy rains. The inside nine holes have been in fair shape, but the outer nine holes have been under water the greater part of the spring. Whenever there are a few warm days, the Playfield course is worked on to put it in good shape but then the heavy rains make new ditches and puddles.

At the park board meeting Wednesday evening, at the Village hall, possible means were discussed and action will be taken at once to have the course put in playing shape for the rest of the season. The general attitude of park board members and other citizens is that the golfing fans of Winnetka will have the use of the Playfield course during some months to come yet.

The late and wet spring is largely to blame for the poor condition of the entire 18 holes, it is explained. The fairway of the outside 9 holes has been under water the greater portion of the spring.