

DEFENSE TEST FOSTERS PEACE

September 12 Set as Date of
Nation-Wide Patriotic
Demonstration

TEST CIVILIAN ARMY

Suggest Patriotic Meetings
in All Towns

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On Defense Day, September 12, it is planned to acquaint the public with the national, and more particularly, the local mobilization plans of the army, and to test the efficiency of these unit and sub-unit plans for National Defense, according to bulletins issued recently by Major General Harry C. Hale, U. S. A., commanding the Sixth Corps Area.

Patriotic demonstrations, in which local units of the army and various organizations will parade, addresses be delivered and the detailed plans for local military organization explained, are the contemplated order of the day in every city, town and community in the United States. The patriotic demonstration in each community is to be organized and conducted by a local Defense Day committee which will be given full co-operation and assistance by the commanders of units of the Regular Army, National Guard and Organized Reserves stationed in the vicinity.

Invite Volunteers

As only a cadre of officers and enlisted men comprise the personnel of the various units of the National Guard and Organized Reserves in peace time, these units will be filled in with civilians asked to volunteer for the day by the committee to whose locality the units to be filled are allocated. On Defense Day, each unit with its civilian personnel will assemble at the place and hour designated with the prescribed uniform and equipment, and will be mustered and inspected.

Several details of the unit and sub-unit mobilization plan will be explained to the public and the personnel of the unit alike,—the dependency of the local unit on the community and the arrangements made in regard to shelter, messing, the handling, fitting, storing and issuing of clothing and supplies, sanitation, care of the sick and administration of the medical examination, local recruiting, training, training areas and target ranges, and the manner of notification and putting the plan into effect.

Answers Objections

Some have objected that the Defense Day plans will foster a war-like spirit, but they will, in fact, have an effect the very opposite. Nothing else in peace time could bring home to the individual citizen so clearly the seriousness of war as will this defense test. It is also true that the weak nations of the earth invite and, in so doing, usually provoke imperialistic wars. Witness the fact that the immediate cause of the recent World war was Austria's attack on Serbia, a comparatively weak nation. And of greater weight than all this, the preamble of our Constitution gives national defense as one of the main objects for which our government was formed.

Winnetka Swimmers Win Ranks as Life Savers

The Red Cross life saving examinations have been completed and six Winnetka people have qualified as beginners, junior and senior life savers and have received their certificates, life saving emblems and pins.

Paul Stoke attended the Pine Wood camp at Twin Lakes, Michigan, where he qualified as a senior life saver. A senior life saver must be able to disrobe in deep water and swim 100 yards, dive and recover weights, tow drowning persons by the head carry, cross-chest carry, arm lock or tired swimmer carry, break from front or back strangle holds and be able to float and tread water.

Myra Lee Benoit, Helen Smith, Martha Etzbach and Josephine Johnstone passed the examination for junior life savers and Bollard Bradley was awarded a swimmer certificate. A junior life saver must be able to tow a person of equal weight thirty feet and be able to show, in the water, ability to release drowning persons who have secured a wrist-hold, a front neck-hold and a back neck-hold.

"Christ and World Court," Subject at Baha'i Temple

"How would Christ Establish a World Court?"

That is the question to be discussed by Albert Vail at the Baha'i temple, Sheridan road and Linden avenue, Winnetka, Sunday afternoon, August 24, at 3:30 o'clock.

The lecture is one of a series of special summer discussions at the temple. Special educational services are held in the temple structure every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, it is announced.

SKELTON IS FAVORED IN CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM

Edgewater beach will be the scene of national swimming championships Sunday, with Robert D. Skelton, of Wilmette, national and international winner of the 200-meter breast stroke and one of the star performers in the swimming events at the Olympic games in France this year, a contender in the 440-yard breast stroke at this meet.

In addition to the breast stroke event which Skelton won in the meet held in Minneapolis in March, 1923, two other national A. A. U. championships will be decided. Oliver Horn, indoor title holder, will swim in the 220-yard outdoor back stroke. Both of these men are swimming under the Illinois Athletic club colors. The 880-yard relay is the other national event.

A number of star swimmers from different sections of the country have entered the meet with the hope of taking the laurels away from Skelton. With his record at the Olympic games, competitors look forth to a desirable title should they be able to cop the breast stroke swim from Skelton.

Dawes in Lofty Praise of Boy Scout Movement

Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes, chairman of the Reparations Commission, and Republican nominee for Vice-President, is a strong advocate of the Boy Scout movement. Recently speaking of the work of the Scout organization, Mr. Dawes stated, "An organized movement like the Boy Scouts, conscientiously administered, which strives to inculcate in the youth of the land respect for law, consideration of fellow man, and appreciation of the blessings of nature, merits the moral and financial support of the public.

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