

LEGION IS CUSTODIAN OF BATTLE TROPHIES

Formally Presents Cannon to Village at Lively Discussion at Headquarters Monday

The captured German cannons which have been brought to Winnetka by Post No. 10, American Legion, have been turned over to the Village and will be placed on suitable sites in the village with the Post as guardian.

Formal action of this nature was taken at an open meeting of the Post Monday evening, in the form of a resolution, adopted at the close of the session, which, up to that time, was given over to a discussion of the matter of bringing the cannons into the village.

After the arrival of the cannons, some objection to them was manifest. Sentiment of this nature forcefully expressed by Dr. J. W. F. Davies during one of his Sunday sermons, lead to the Legion calling the open meeting Monday evening for a more general discussion of the matter. Dr. Davies was not present, but the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin, of the Winnetka Congregational church, and also a member of the American Legion, spoke, expressing the belief that cannons should be placed in museums, rather than in more public places, such as parks.

Little Opposition Heard

There was a large attendance of members of Winnetka Post, but few were present outside of the Legion membership, and no pronounced opposition to the location of the cannons in Winnetka public places, developed.

Mrs. Morris L. Greeley, said she desired to speak for the minority, not to criticize but rather to make suggestion that her idea of memorializing of the soldier dead would be by name plates on trees.

Thomas J. Lynch, past commander of Winnetka Post, explained that the local Legion post sponsored the planting of the trees in the park and the placing of discs thereon, which have already become partially overgrown.

Later in the discussion Mr. Lynch stated he felt that some people misjudge the American Legion, viewing it as a body favoring war, or a militaristic organization, as it were. He called to mind some of the horrible scenes which the men at the front had witnessed, the killing and maiming of their comrades and then, in an impassioned manner, expressed his amazement at any one who has become obsessed with the idea that the American Legion is militaristic.

Gives Preparedness Talk

On the other hand, Mr. Lynch made it equally plain that the American

Legion is for peace, peace in the full sense of the word, and he declared the one best way to insure that peace, is to keep alive the memories in this and future generations, the horrible sacrifices which have been made by those in the past to maintain the peace and freedom which the nation enjoys.

He took no stock, he declared in the theory that there is not possibility of future wars, and declared the costly example of unpreparedness which the men at the front witnessed in the last war, as a result of which thousands never came back, shall be his guidance in enthusiastic advocacy of being prepared to defend the nation, in times when it becomes necessary to fight.

He said he favored placing the captured German cannons in conspicuous public places, where they might be seen and the younger generation thus grow to appreciate the noble principles for which lives were sacrificed in the late war. He declared is teaching his young son the use of fire arms, the method of warfare, its horrible phases, not to make a soldier of him, but, should he ever be called upon to go to the defense of his country, that he may go in a manner prepared to come through its rigorous courses in the most advantageous manner.

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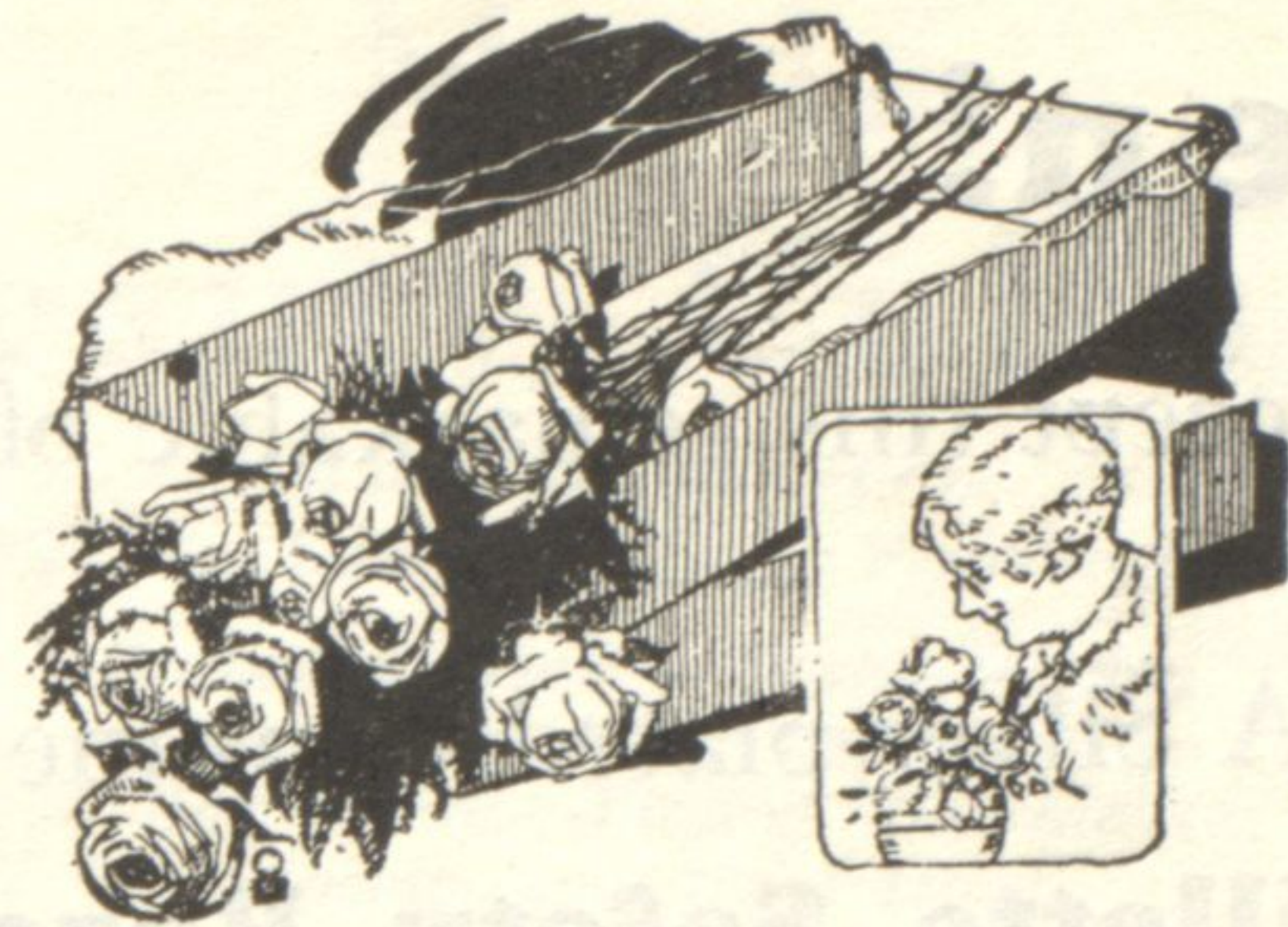
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