

Winnetka's Soldier Memorial Is Dedicated

VILLAGE PAYS TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR HEROES

Gold Star Parents Among Fifteen Hundred Attending Ceremonies On the Green

By Ray C. Pearson

The heart of Winnetka beat fast last Sunday afternoon.

Winnetka, which gave and gave and gave, gave of that which is cherished most of all—life—back in those days on Flanders Field, stood in silence a few moments. Those were the moments just before the dedication of Winnetka's Memorial to her boys who went "Over There" and fought the fight, fought it for liberty, peace, happiness and progress. And in fighting the battle there was no thought of self. To die for the cause was not a loss. It was as Dinsmore Ely—we read that name on the cold stone—said: "An investment, not a loss when a man dies for his country."

Fifteen Hundred Present

Small wonder that some fifteen hundred Winnetkans gathered at the crest of the slight rise of ground on the west side of the village green to honor those boys—there were ten of them, and here they appear in the chronological order of their "going," Philip Comfort Starr, Dinsmore Ely, Vincenzo di Georgio, Wesley Magor Juleff, James Edward Hayes, Roswell Hayes Fuller, George Raymond Kelley, Pasquale Salerno, Charles Douglas Weart and Fletcher Ladd McCordic—who willingly, yes aggressively, made the big investment, which earned the dividend so eagerly sought.

We draw a contrast. There was mud and grime; there was stinky gas; there was blood and death in France. All of that was in the "investment." There was sunshine and hearts that beat fast with the joy of standing before Winnetka's Memorial last Sunday afternoon to do honor to the heroes and to show them that they never will be forgotten.

The gold star fathers and mothers will go often to stand there before the big stone because it will bring them closer to "my boy." And as the years roll along there will come others down the line, the children of brothers and sisters and after them the children of these children to stand there, too, and pay tribute.

But that is not all. None of Winnetka forget. They, too, will take a place before the Memorial and let minds drift retrospectively. Honor and pride will accomplish that. Those ten boys will live forever in the hearts of Winnetkans.

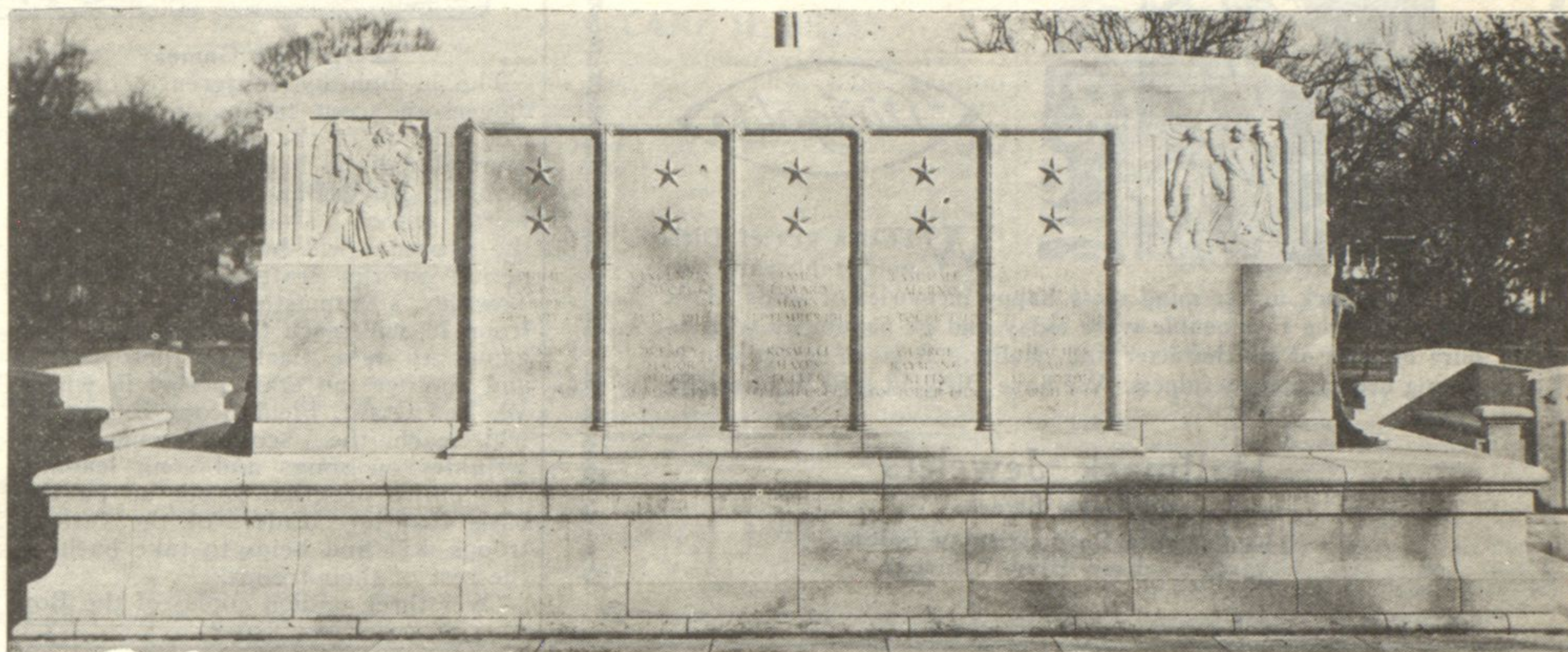
Perhaps no day could have been more perfect for the dedication. The ceremonies required just forty-two minutes. Preceding the exercises the New Trier High school band played patriotic airs. In order that all might hear those who spoke, a loud speaker was employed.

Old Glory Is Raised

After the unveiling, a beautiful American flag, the gift of Samuel S. Otis, designer of the Memorial, was hoisted to the top of the flagstaff, as the band played the Star Spangled Banner.

We have mentioned that fifteen hundred were present at the dedication which was the most impressive ever held in Winnetka, and among these were the Members of Winnetka Post No. 10 of the American Legion, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire

Cenotaph—Winnetka's Memorial to Soldier Heroes



Gold Star Parents

- Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Ely.....430 Walnut street, Winnetka
 - Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. McCordic.....559 Oak street, Winnetka
 - Mrs. Mary Kelley.....706 Center street, Winnetka
 - Mr. and Mrs. James G. Weart...108 West avenue, Oconomowoc, Wis.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Starr.....695 Prospect avenue, Winnetka
 - Mrs. Waldemar Hultgren (wife).....2344 Touhy avenue, Chicago
 - Mrs. Frank R. Fuller.....98 Church road, Winnetka
 - Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Hayes.....869 Locust street, Winnetka
- (Note: Vincenzo di Gegorio's parents unknown. Pasquale Salerno's parents unknown.)

Girls. "Chief" Davies was in command Those who spoke were:

WILLIAM S. ELLIOTT (Dedication Chairman)

In the Great World war which ended nine years ago last Friday, three hundred eighty-five sons of Winnetka served in the military forces of the United States. Of that number ten did not return to us. We are gathered here today to honor those ten boys who made the supreme sacrifice and gave their lives for their country and ours—to honor their memory, their bravery, their sacrifice and their patriotism—by dedicating to them this memorial of lasting stone.

It was the expressed request of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion that this should be a memorial only to their ten comrades who died in the service, and that wish has been respected. I am sure, however, that it is the feeling of all citizens of Winnetka that in honoring their ten dead comrades, we are honoring all those who served their country in time of war and that we desire to do so.

Trio of Active Workers

The dedication services will consist of the turning over of the completed memorial by the Trustees who have had charge of the memorial fund and the erection of the memorial, to those who will have its care and custody in the future. These are the Village of Winnetka which owns this common on which the memorial stands, the Winnetka Park district which, by agreement with the Village, maintains the common and will maintain the memorial, and the Winnetka Post of the American Legion. The three Trustees who have had active charge of the building of the memorial are Mr. George B. Massey, Mr. Heyliger DeWindt and Mr. John R. Leonard. Mr. Massey will present the memorial on behalf of the Memorial Committee of Fifty, following which it will be accepted by representatives of the Village, the Park Board, and the American Legion.

Mr. Massey, Mr. DeWindt and Mr. Leonard were largely responsible for the organization of the Memorial Committee of Fifty and for encouraging that committee to believe that the funds could be raised to build a memorial on the plan and scale desired. At the request of the

Committee Mr. Massey consented to be General Chairman, Mr. DeWindt Chairman of the Finance Committee and Mr. Leonard the Treasurer. The raising of the memorial fund was largely the result of the personal work of these three men who gave most generously of their time. As they come now and ask to be relieved of further duties by turning over the memorial to its future custodians, we can truly say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants."

MERRITT STARR

(A Gold Star Parent)

By the Declaration of Independence our Fathers accepted for America the separate and equal station among the nations of the earth to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle her. Thirteen years ago the empires of Middle Europe, having become arrogant with the power resulting from years of special military and technical industrial preparation, and from the naval resource afforded by new uses of submarine craft, sought to dominate the commerce and industrial development of Europe, and seizing the lawless act of a fanatic in the wrongfully annexed Jugo Slavic Sarajevo as a pretext, claimed the power to dominate other nations, to direct and control their internal police, and define the fields and terms of international commerce, and impose by war her mastery of the continent.

And so the World war came. Civilized nations rose in resistance and the youth of America rushed to the field, and poured out their blood in common streams with the heroes of other lands.

And in order to maintain their claims in that war, those empires of Middle Europe assumed to forbid America, with whom they were at peace, from pursuing peaceful intercourse with the rest of the world, and to dictate the conditions upon which America might conduct her commerce; and in the vain effort to make good that assumption they deliberately sank American ships, burned American factories, drowned and slaughtered American men and women and children, and incited our Neighbor Mexico to make war upon us with their help, promising Mexico sovereignty over several of our states in case of victory.

And so, after many protests, warnings, and appeals to their better nature, America recognized that those empires were warring upon us, invoked nature's first law of self-defense, and exerted her right to regain peace by means of the sword. And all America rose, to save the life of the nation by the selfless sacrifices of her sons; to suppress that false, unnatural claim, and to maintain that equal station, among the powers of the earth, which our Fathers had achieved.

And buoyant youth, with the vision and understanding of new life, grasped the high occasion in its meaning, its duty and its opportunity.

*"So nigh is grandeur to our dust
So near is God to man*

*When duty whispers low 'Thou must'
The youth replies 'I can.'"*

One common purpose inspired them all. "I felt I had to go," said one. "My life is an investment," said another, and leaving the companionships and loves of life and all that was dear to them each of them said as he went:—"I could not love thee dear so much, loved I not truth and honor more."

And have we lost them? No. A man's life is an investment when he dies for his country.

*"Tomorrow, when the masks shall fall,
That dizen nature's carnival,
The pure shall see by their own will,
'Tis not within the force of fate
The fate—conjoined, to separate.*

*Light is light which radiates,
Blood is blood which circulates,
Life is life which generates,
And many—seeing life is one,
Wilt thou transfix and make it none?
Nor see the Genius of the whole
Ascendant in the private soul?
..... what is excellent.*

*As God lives, is permanent;
Hearts are dust, hearts' loves remain
And their hearts' loves will meet again*

*O children, dear, of paradise,
Boys who made dear their fathers' home,
In whose deep eyes
Men read the welfare of the times to come,*

*A music heard by you alone
To works as noble led you on."*

Give Lives for Others

And these brave young men whose names are carved upon this stone paid the last full measure of devotion to our country. They gave their lives that others might live in freedom and that our country and the causes for which it lives, our liberty, peace and progress, may have life and may have it more abundantly. They have died where youths with glory die.

And with grateful hearts we meet and dedicate this votive stone and flagstaff to enshrine the memory of their noble deeds to future generations. Our inheritance from this world war should be the Will for Peace, and it is our greater opportunity and higher duty here to renew our devotion to the aims for which they died: To consecrate our lives anew to preserving our nation's government and equal place among the nations of the earth; to prove that government of the people, by the people and for the people

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