



Arnold E. Kahnert Papers

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The Fort Snelling Memorial Organ

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Dedication Service

Sunday, May twenty-sixth, 2:30 p. m.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-nine



*In memory of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who gave
their lives in defence of our country.*

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliaries

Department of Minnesota



Sgt. Arnold E. Kahnert
5621 - 26th Avenue South
Minneapolis 17, Minnesota 55417

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970

Dear Sgt. Kahnert:

DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday Afternoon at 2:30, May 26th, 1929.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. E. W. Munson, Two Harbors, Minnesota, State Chaplain, and
George R. Wolff, No. 425 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Presiding

Music *Selected*
THIRD INFANTRY BAND, Fort Snelling

Music: Minneapolis Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, Veterans of
Foreign Wars

Church Call: Drum Corps Trumpeteers, Veterans of Foreign Wars
(From the Chapel Tower)

Organ Prelude: "America, the Beautiful" *Demarest*
HAMLIN HUNT

Tenor Solo: "My Hope is in the Everlasting" from the "Daughter
of Jairus" *Stainer*
OTTO JELLISON

Invocation: REV. E. W. MUNSON, State Chaplain, Veteran of Foreign
Wars, Department of Minnesota

Hymn: "O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain.
America, America, God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.
O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life.
America, America, May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine."

Responsive Scripture Reading: 27 Ps. Led by REV. CLAUDE E.
IRELAND, Captain Chaplain 88th Division; Ballentine No. 246,
Minneapolis

27TH PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salva-
tion:
Whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?**

When the wicked came upon me to
eat up my flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes,
they stumbled and fell.

**Though a host should encamp against
me,
My heart shall not fear:**

Though war should rise against me,
In this will I be confident.

**One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of
the Lord all the days of my life,**

To behold the beauty of the Lord,
And to inquire in his temple.

**For in the time of trouble he shall
hide me in his pavilion:
In the secret of his tabernacle he
shall hide me:**

He shall lift me up upon a rock.
And now shall my head be lifted up
above mine enemies round about me;

**Therefore will I offer in his taber-
nacle sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises
unto the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my
voice:
Have mercy also upon me, and answer
me.

**Teach me thy way, O Lord;
And lead me in a plain path,
Because of mine enemies.**

Deliver me not over unto the will of
mine enemies:
For false witnesses are risen up against
me,
And such as breathe out cruelty.

**I had fainted, unless I had believed
to see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Wait on the Lord:
Be of good courage, and he shall
strengthen thy heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord.

ORDER OF SERVICE—Continued

Organ Solo: "Echo Bells" *Brewer*
HAMLIN HUNT

Address: Memorial Day Thought.
PROFESSOR GISLE BOTHNE, University of Minnesota

Harp Solo { "Impromptu" *Oberthur*
 { "Menuet" *Seraro*
HENRY J. WILLIAMS, Harpist, Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra

Greetings: CHARLES M. PEET, Minneapolis, Grand Army of the
Republic, Honorary Ballentine No. 246

Soprano Solo: Aria "With Verdure Clad" from "Creation" ... *Hadyn*
MRS. AGNES GRISWOLD TEASDALE

Greetings: From Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Z. L. BEGIN, State Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Patterson No. 7

Organ Solo: "Consolation" *Cole*
HAMLIN HUNT

Greetings: From WILLIAM T. COE, Department Commander, United
Spanish War Veterans.

Greetings: From Auxiliaries Veterans of Foreign Wars of U. S.
MISS ROSE MCGANN, Albert Lea, Minn., President Auxiliary
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Minnesota,
Freemond Madison No. 447

Harp Solo { "Prayer" *Hasselmans*
 { "Reverie Fantastique" *Henry J. Williams*
HENRY J. WILLIAMS

Dedication and Presentation of Organ:

DR. RUSSELL R. HEIM, Major U. S. Army Medical Reserves,
88th Division, Chairman Organ Fund, Veterans of
Foreign Wars, Ballentine No. 246

Acceptance and Response:
COLONEL WALTER C. SWEENEY, Commanding Officer of
Ft. Snelling

Organ Solo: "Concert Piece" *Parker*
HAMLIN HUNT

Doxology:

Benediction: CAPT. GYNTHY STORAASLI, Post Chaplain, Ft. Snelling

Taps: By Member Minneapolis Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps,
Veterans of Foreign Wars

"Star Spangled Banner"

Floral Decorations—By MRS. CHAS. BOOTH, Donald Skidmore No. 363.

Arrangement of Colors—By 1ST SGT. ANDREW M. BOYKE,
National Sgt. at Arms, V. F. W., Donald Skidmore No. 363.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Dr. John McCrae



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States were organized in 1899 by an amalgamation of the Mexican War Veterans of 1846-8, the Army of the Philippines and other veterans organizations. It is one of the oldest service organizations in the United States and its objects, aims and principles are as follows:

"The objects of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its constitution and its laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever."

For release week of January 18th

Saint Paul, Minnesota, January After more than a hundred years of neglect, Fort Snelling at last is to have a chapel.

Announcement was made here this week of plans for a statewide campaign, in which veterans' organizations, patriotic societies, civic clubs and churches of the state will undertake to raise \$100,000 to build a chapel at the Fort. A committee of citizens, headed by Governor Theodore Christianson as honorary chairman, now is making final preparations for the campaign, which is to be held during the week of February 7 to 14.

For many years, Fort Snelling was the last outpost of civilization in a wilderness peopled by warring tribes of Indians. It afforded protection to the first settlers. Here the first Sunday School and the first church in the Northwest were established. The first missionaries went out from the Fort.

Yet Fort Snelling today has no chapel. Makeshifts of one kind or another have served for a place of worship. At one time an abandoned junk room was used. At present services are held in a temporary frame building, which serves also for a hostess house, recreation center, dance hall and library.

The war department itself cannot build a chapel at the Fort. Learning of this, a number of prominent citizens initiated the plan to build the chapel by public subscription, realizing that this condition will be speedily corrected when the people learn that the 1,500 men stationed at the Fort and the 3,000 young men who train there

each summer have no adequate place for worship.

Civic and business organizations, patriotic societies, veterans' organizations and churches throughout the state have endorsed the project and will take part in the state-wide campaign next month.

The Minnesota Department of the American Legion has made a contribution to the fund and arrangements are being made for all Posts of the Legion throughout the state to conduct local campaigns among their members. The Minnesota Veteran Council, composed of representatives of the G.A.R., Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and a dozen other veterans organizations and auxiliaries, have endorsed the movement and made plans for campaigns in local communities throughout the state.

Virtually all church groups of the state will participate in the campaign. February 7 has been designated as Fort Snelling day in the churches. Most of the churches of Saint Paul and Minneapolis already have made arrangements for special services on this day, and others throughout the state now are planning for its observance.

The proposed chapel will be pan-sectarian and will be used by Protestant, Catholic and Jew.

HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

February 7, 1926.

TO SAINT PAUL MINISTERS:

The bearer of this message has at the request of the Saint Paul Fort Snelling Chapel Committee been detailed by Headquarters of the 3rd Infantry to act as one of the honorary ushers in your church this morning.

He has been assigned the following tasks:

1. To remind you that churches of Saint Paul will observe this day in honor of the proposed Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling.
2. To place blank checks in your pews.
3. To take a place inside the church door and pass out a leaflet and a pledge envelope to each worshipper who enters.
4. To remain during the services to act as messenger to take pledges which are collected in your regular morning offering and surplus material to headquarters at the Fort.
5. To do what ever other tasks you may desire of him.
6. To thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

COLONEL W. E. WELSH,

Commanding.

WEW:B

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By Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain, United States Army.

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MINNESOTA AND NORTHWESTERN CITIZENS SHOULD
ASSIST IN PLACING A CHAPEL AT THE
FORT SNELLING GARRISON

A recent letter from Washing^{ton} says: "The policy of the War Department is such that it is futile to strive to secure Chapels until sufficient money has been appropriated to solve the housing problem for the army.* It would do the people of this country good if they would undertake to provide a few choice places of worship on military reservations."

1. THE NECESSITY REASON

Two thousand residents, the majority of whom are young men, soldiers, nearly more than high school age, are living right at the doors of St. Paul and Minneapolis without a suitable place for worship. And the soldiers themselves were the first to realize the need for a Chapel, and have already raised \$3,000 from their slender funds to help build this Chapel.

2. THE HISTORICAL REASON

A hundred years ago, and for half a century thereafter, officers and men of the United States Army remained on duty at this lonely outpost of our pioneer civilization for no other purpose than to protect the early settlers and their infant industries. Now the whole northwest is dotted with magnificent churches except at Fort Snelling itself, where there is none.

3. THE ECONOMIC REASON

Every Summer from all over the Northwest, 1500 to 1600 young, virile, college students come to Fort Snelling for the R.O.T.C. and in addition there are 1500 to 2000 young men for the C.M.T.C. Camps. Here is a great force of young men and their parents with friends to come to visit them - a great advertising medium to carry the message of the advantages of the Twin Cities and Minnesota's 10,000 Lakes into every remote town from which this force is recruited. Ought not Fort Snelling to be given a suitable place of worship from purely a selfish standpoint of what an asset it is to the Twin Cities in the Northwest?

4. THE GOOD EXAMPLE REASON

If the citizens of Minnesota and the Northwest successfully complete the work of building a Chapel at Fort Snelling, they will set a most worthy example before other communities of the nation where similar provision ought to be made for religious work amongst the troupes of the army, their families and little children.

5. THE PATRIOTIC REASON

There is no more suitable spot in the entire Northwest to be a veritable shrine to the gallant men and boys who have gone from Fort Snelling to die for their Country. Let this Chapel be a fitting, live, memorial administering to the daily spiritual of this great army post.

Charity begins at home. So does religion. Is it not our duty to foster an aid in a tangible way - a religious enterprise here at our very doors, which has put forth its own best effort in the form of the \$3,000 in cash already raised by the enlisted men at the Fort to provide for this Chapel?

7. THE SPIRITUAL REASON

The souls of the men now in the service of their country are as precious in the sight of the Almighty God as are the souls of those in civilian life. The men of the Army belong to and are a part of our nation. Can you blame them for feeling like they do the need for a suitable religious influence in their own lives and the lives of the wives and children?

8. YOUR OWN REASON

We shall not ask what it is. But deep in your heart, like in ours, there is some cherished memory which seeks expression. Let this beautiful Chapel in which is merged all religious faiths with but one great unselfish ideal, be a fitting sanctuary and a physical expression of that memory sacred to you merge with those of your fellow-country-men and dedicated to the immortal task of doing a great good in a great unselfish way.

* * * * *

Date _____

Fort Snelling Chapel Assn.,

Enclosed I send you my contribution to help build the Chapel at Fort Snelling.

Name: _____

Address: _____

(Make check payable to Treasurer)

(Under aut)

1923

Here is the approved plan for the
Fort Snelling Chapel.

It will cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000 which provides a suitable place of worship for all faiths, with full basement

for Sunday School classes, etc. The War Department has donated a splendid site for the Chapel.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

TO DATE

1. The sum of \$3,000 in cash has been raised by the troupes of Fort Snelling Garrison for the purpose of constructing this Chapel. This money is now in deposit.
2. The Universalist Church has contributed \$1,000 thru the Church of the Redeemer, Minneapolis.
3. The Unity Church of St. Paul has pledged \$1,600 on condition that other Churches of St. Paul will obligate themselves proportionately.
4. The Chapel project has been highly indorsed by Governor Christianson, and at a big mass meeting at Fort Snelling in September 1925 by representatives of practically every denomination in the Twin Cities as well as by patriotic and civil societies of the Twin Cities.

THE FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL

By Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S. Army

The architect's design for the Fort Snelling Chapel is the result of a competition in which twenty two of the leading architects of Minnesota participated. These plans were carefully studied by a jury which, in making its ultimate decision, took the four following points into consideration: (1) efficiency of plan; (2) probability of economical construction; (3) adaptability to site; and (4) expression of the special character imposed by local conditions and historic background.

To those who are familiar with the romantic background of the Fort Snelling garrison, and of Minnesota in general, there is an evidence in the winning design that the author, Mr. Rhodes Robertson of Hewitt and Brown, Inc., Architects, Minneapolis, has admirably succeeded in blending in a most remarkable manner the ruggedness and utilitarian grandeur of the Sibley House, Minnesota's first capitol at Mendota just across the river from the army garrison, the old Round Tower at Fort Snelling which is Minnesota's oldest landmark and the only remaining part of the old garrison, and the churchly idea. The Round Tower, with its distinctive architectural beauty, has been slightly modified so as to make a perfect blending; and the chapel, when completed, will be a structure of most exquisite design and practical utility.

The chapel as proposed will be adequate in size and sufficient for the needs of the garrison for many years to come. The main auditorium will seat approximately 300 persons, and the gallery so conveniently located over the choir and dressing rooms will provide seating capacity for an additional 75 persons. The Sunday School annex makes provision for the giving of religious instruction to the boys and girls of the garrison, of whom there are now upwards of 175 - children of officers and non-commissioned officers on duty at the post. A five-foot grade provides for a basement which makes ample provision for the holding of patriotic, social and semi-religious gatherings, for the soldier department of the Bible School, and for such activities as Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. Library facilities and space will also be available here for the eight or nine thousand volumes of books now housed in a temporary bath house moved up from the cantonment area of the garrison - a shabby relic of the World War. The Chaplain's week-day activities will also be housed here, and a couple of rooms in the tower and gable end of the building will probably be available for meetings of the Ladies Guild - an organization which assists the Chaplain in his charitable and religious activities, and for other organizations.

When completed this chapel will be, without doubt, with the exception of the Chapel at West Point Military Academy, the finest in the entire Army. Into its rugged walls will be glorified the gifts of soldiers of many wars, of gold star mothers whose sons lie

buried beneath the sod where poppies grow on Flanders Fields, of disabled veterans and little children, as well as the more substantial amounts given by prominent business men, civic groups, patriotic organizations and churches. The chapel will indeed be a memorial, distinctively Minnesotan, and of which Minnesota citizens may well be justly proud. Fort Snelling is now considered a part of the beautiful park system of the Twin Cities, and of the state, and is one of the first places sought out by tourists from every corner of the continent when in these parts.

The cost of the chapel will be approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), the bulk of which has been already assured. The romantic and patriotic appeal of the project has been well-nigh irresistible, since the early beginnings of civilization in the great Northwest country had its inception, its impetus and its protection at the garrison established over a hundred years ago in response to the birth pangs of an expanding nation. No record of the project would be complete, however, without mention of the part played by the officers and soldiers of the garrison themselves. The movement had its beginning in the demand of the soldiers for a dignified and decent place in which to worship the Almighty. They themselves four years ago sponsored the first money-raising event to secure funds with which to start a chapel; and twice since that event they have met the challenge for needed funds and have given from their meagre stipend with ready and cheerful generosity, thus setting an example for others and proving the sincerity of their desire for a proper place of worship. The entire excavation for the foundation was done by soldier labor, thus saving about Five Thousand Dollars of the monies raised for later use.

Already a number of fitting memorials have been provided for as furnishings for the new chapel. Some are as follows:

1. A pulpit of colonial design with large engraving of a Minute Man by the Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution.
2. A Lectern of spread eagle design made in bronze to harmonize with altar surroundings and a large Bible by the Captain Holmes Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Minneapolis.
3. A Communion Table of wood designed to match other altar furnishings by the General Krapp Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Minneapolis.
4. An American Flag, silk, with Staff and Standard by the Fanny Padgham Circle of the Order of the Eastern Star, Minneapolis.
5. Baptismal Font, Marble, in memory of Elizabeth R. Snelling the first white child born in State of Minnesota by the Erren Monument Company of St. Paul.
6. Tablet, Italian Marble, Memorial for the Rev. Father Ezekiel G. Gear, first Army Chaplain appointed to the Minnesota Garrison who spent over 20 years at Fort Snelling, 1839-1860. This memorial to be chosen, designed and lettered under the personal supervision of the donor Charles Mason Remey, Washington D.C.

Other memorial gifts totaling several thousand dollars in all have also been proposed, and doubtless before long will become a reality. These will provide for tower chimes, complete furnishing for the Sunday School rooms; and for memorials to be established by the Minnesota Woman's Relief Corps and by the friends of members of the first church established at Fort Snelling in 1837. All this is a fine illustration of the real patriotism and of the high moral earnestness of the people of this state. Indeed the state of Minnesota has set a most worthy example in this respect for other states which have Army Garrisons within their borders not yet provided with places of divine worship. It has not been the policy of the federal government to build chapels on Army Posts, and when chapels are so constructed stipulation is made that such buildings must be pan-sectarian in character and open for the use of all sects and creeds alike.

There can be no doubt but that this effort to secure a house of worship for Fort Snelling represents the noblest aspirations of the human heart. The Campaign for funds and the insistence of the soldiers for a place of worship and the other decencies of life, has exalted the life of the garrison and made many new friends for the Army by placing it in a nobler light. A recent advertisement distributed throughout the post by one of the largest commercial establishments of the Northwest said "We are proud and grateful that we have been allowed to serve and to contribute towards the splendid success of Fort Snelling and its many worthy activities. May its new Chapel, polo Team and other undertakings continue to represent the finest in thought and in deed at all times." This is but one illustration of the kindness of thought towards the fine old garrison of the Northwest. It is safe to say that any undertaking which brings men and women of various creeds, of different social status and training, and of divergent religious convictions together in a common task and in a united effort, as this enterprise has done, and, without doubt, nearer to the great God and Father of us all.

For Your Information

To The C. O.

The enclosed has gone
out to pastors of all churches
in Minneapolis. F.R.

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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Chap Rideout

January 27, 1926.

Dear Pastor:

After months of talking and planning, action is about to be taken to bring the Fort Snelling Chapel project to a head. A strong committee for our city, headed by Mr. Sumner T. McKnight, has been appointed by Governor Christianson, and is planning a campaign to raise \$60,000 during the week beginning February 7th.

You will recall that in many of our meetings, we have spoken of February 7th as "Fort Snelling Chapel Sunday", and that this effort has the support and backing of all our ministers individually, as well as favorable action by groups.

The committee is planning to distribute folders and a pledge envelope to all attendants at church, and soldiers in uniform will be present with the literature at every church on Sunday morning, February 7th.

You are earnestly requested to have your ushers prepared to give these soldiers every possible assistance and courtesy when they report. The committee would like also to have you make some statement concerning the project, and urge your people to contribute as liberally as possible. No doubt you will want to arrange for some method agreeable to yourself by which those present may turn in their envelopes and pledges during the service, or later.

The enclosed information was prepared for the ministers by Chaplain Frank C. Rideout to assist them in making their announcements.

Further information may be secured by calling Mr. C.B. Winter, Geneva 3762, who is in charge of the executive work for the Minneapolis committee.

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Very sincerely yours,

A.F. BENSON
President

IRVIN E. DEER
Secretary.

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January 26, 1926.

Mr. Charles P. Hall,
Attorney-at-Law,
Red Wing, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Hall:-

I sincerely thank you for your letter and for the enclosure which I have forwarded to our Chapel Committee Treasurer.

The spontaneity and promptness of your reaction to the necessity of our Chapel project proves that you have a mind which grasps immediately the moral and the patriotic significance of the situation.

This proposition should make an appeal to patriotic citizens throughout the state. Church leaders should pull the stroke oar in a situation like this, which, I am very sorry to say is not the case, so far. This is a MINNESOTA PROPOSITION, having behind it the appeal of necessity, of romance, and the challenge of religion and morality.

I have been hoping that a few of the better communities such as your own fine town of Red Wing might arrange for a mass meeting of patriotic and church people and allow me to come and put the case before them. Some town is to play the part of a PIONEER in this respect, and I am hoping that it may be Red Wing. Two of your citizens have already been approached on this matter by Mr. W.M. Cochran's suggestion, without result. The first town, outside of the Twin Cities, which takes this matter up in a constructive way will have the place of honor and be moral leaders in a fine cause. We now have about \$30,000.00 in sight in the Twin Cities.

Once again I thank you for your letter, and I congratulate you on your ready grasp of a worthy project, as well as upon your moral and spiritual insight of the average soldier's attitude and needs.

Yours very sincerely,

Chaplain, U.S. ARMY



3rd Infantry

HEADQUARTERS
FORT SNELLING, MINN.
Office of the Chaplain

May 21, 1928.

Subject : Invitation to Dedication of Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel.

To : All Posts and Auxiliaries of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars .

1. The Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling, Colonel W.E. Welsh desires me to issue a special invitation to all members of the V.F.W. and Auxiliary to attend the Dedicatory Cereemonial of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel on Sunday June 10, 1928, at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon .

2. The Commanding Officer feels that your organization has taken a distinctive place of honor in this outstanding Minnesota Memorial in the fact that you are now engaged in the task of providing the last necessity and the most outstanding memorial gift of all - that of a pipe organ in memory of all Minnesota soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice while fighting for the Stars and Stripes on Foreign soil .

3. In reality the memorial organ will be the soul of the Chapel, and we want the members of the V.F.W. and Auxiliary to visualize the splendid task which you are accomplishing in this wonderful undertaking . Colonel Welsh extends his warm appreciation for what you are doing . Undoubtedly, after your task is completed the Minnesota Department, V.F.W., and Auxiliary will be the recipients of an honor citation from higher military authorities in the War Department at Washington .

Frank C. Rideout.

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.



THE CHAPEL AT FORT SNELLING

To the Editor of the Journal:

Very recently the undersigned had the rather unusual opportunity of visiting Fort Snelling to fill a speaking appointment. The occasion was Law and Order Sunday, and orders had come from Washington to the effect that the entire garrison, officers and men, should, as far as the present accommodations would permit, assemble for divine worship. As there is no chapel at Fort Snelling, such services as have been held in the past have been held in the combined recreation hall and reading room, a temporary structure erected during the war to relieve the congestion then existing. On this particular Sunday, the chapel, if we may call it so, was filled to capacity with officers, and men, who together with their families had come together to worship. But, of course, it was impossible for all to obey the summons, and the only way to seemingly do justice to the occasion, was to select fifteen men from each company to represent the entire complement of the garrison, which was the procedure followed. Col. Welch, the commanding officer, was there, together with such of his fellow-officers as were not on detail duty. But the very fact that such a selection should have to be made, and that only a small percentage of the men of the garrison could be crowded together on an occasion which was deemed of sufficient importance to call forth a general order from Washington, seems to me to be a sufficient reason in itself for the campaign that is now under way to erect a suitable chapel at the Fort.

There is much that might be said about the experience itself, about the splendid attentiveness of the men, the memories the occasion awakened from those dark war days when regularly we ministered thus to the men in the Army, the need of such work, and the appreciation such ministry calls forth. But I wish now only to emphasize the need. The Northwest wants Fort Snelling to remain as a permanent post. Fort Snelling needs the chapel more than it needs anything else. It wants the chapel; and as the War Department is not in a position to do the actual construction work or pay its cost, it becomes the simply duty, as I see it, of the citizenship of the State in general and of the Twin Cities in particular to rise to the occasion by furnishing the funds necessary to

erect this chapel according to the splendid plans and specifications now adopted. There are each year at least 7000 men at Fort Snelling for a longer or shorter period of time. The permanent garrison numbers at least 1500 men. The summer months bring the remaining number in the student and citizens training armies then in camp. Only 400 can possibly crowd into the present very unattractive quarters. Should we not, irrespective of church denomination, be willing to help Captain F. C. Rideout, the present post chaplain, and his co-workers, who are so eager to have the chapel campaign which is now on brought to a successful completion? We can certainly build this chapel if we wish to, just as easily as other communities which have furnished funds sufficient to erect suitable chapels at other government posts. Let us give our eager support to this most necessary and worthy project.

N. M. YLVISAKER,
Captain-Chaplain RES.

Minneapolis, Minn.

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA.
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

April 4, 1928.

Mr. Carl T. Schuneman
489 Grand Ave, St. Paul,
Minnesota.

Dear Sir ;

We are planning on dedicating the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center on the week commencing May 27, 1928, if possible.

In connection therewith we are expecting to publish a souvenir program containing a brief historical sketch of the project together with such items as may be of general interest such as memorial gifts, description of architecture, etc.

It seems to me that the souvenir would not be complete without the pictures of the persons who have been most prominently identified with the Memorial and I would appreciate it if you would send me a photograph of yourself for insertion in the booklet. Photograph will be returned promptly after using.

I am planning to have pictures appear of the following;

1. Honorable Theodore Christianson, Honorary Chairman.
2. Mr. Carl T. Schuneman, Chairman, St. Paul Committee.
3. Mr. Sumner T. McKnight, Chairman, Minneapolis Committee.
4. Mr. Walter H. Wheeler, Chairman, Building Committee.
- Colonel W. E. Welsh, President of Chapel Association,
Commanding Officer.
6. The Architect, Hewitt & Brown.
7. The Builder, Mr. Splady.
8. Chaplain Frank C. Rideout.
9. Picture of the Chapel.
- EQ. Cuts of special memorials.

Yours Cordially

FCR/her

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U. S. A.

Ans

March 28th, 1928.

To the Commanding Officer at
Fort Snelling.

Dear Sir:

As I do not know your name or your title, I am obliged to address you this way. Would you kindly inform me how soon the Chapel is going to be dedicated, as I am here on leave of absence from New York and would like to be there when it is dedicated. I passed through the reservation last Sunday and a couple of soldiers informed me that they did not know when it was to be dedicated. If you will kindly inform me, I will be more than obliged.

Yours very respectfully,

Member of the Eastern Division,
American Red Cross.

Frank L. Scott



My address is 1502 West Broadway, Minneapolis.

PROPERTY OF ARNOLD E KAHNERT 5621-26th Ave. South Mpls 18 Minnesota
Te-day is the 9 of Octeber 1964-1964. Thursday PM. USAR Center Fort Snelling, Minn.
today in the vine-clad walls of this beautiful memorial chapel.

Fort Snelling bore an important part in bringing civilization to this part of our country - your part of it, the State of Minnesota - and in the erection of this building you have shown that you do not forget. We know that Fort Snelling holds a warm spot in your hearts.

And Fort Snelling's garrison of today - the vast majority of us newcomers since this chapel was built - want you to know that we appreciate and reciprocate that friendly feeling. Most of the young soldiers at Fort Snelling are sons of Minnesota and the neighboring states. A small percentage of them may occasionally break over the bounds of soldierly deportment and discipline - but that percentage is very small. The influence of this chapel tends toward making that small percentage even smaller. In general the soldiers of your Army are fine types of young American manhood, decent, self-respecting, proud of their country, proud to wear her uniform, and proud to serve under her flag.

Old Fort Snelling on its river-girt cliff had all the grandeur of a Rhenish stronghold. Not much of that old Fort remains, but the flag which floated over its battlements now floats over the greatest country on earth. May that spirit of mutual confidence, and respect which inspired the people of this community to cooperate with Fort Snelling's garrison to build this chapel to the glory of God, inspire America's people of all classes to work together for the common good. May the simple soldierly virtues of discipline, devotion to duty, loyalty and comradeship, in the hearts of America's sons, continue to make our country good and great, and add luster to that same starry flag which waved so proudly over the stone battlements of old Fort Snelling.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the members of the Co-operative Club at a regular meeting of that organization held at the Athletic Club, Saint Paul, March 3rd, 1923.

WHEREAS :- FORT SNELLING, one of the oldest and largest Army Posts in the United States, is without a chapel or house of worship and its population of nearly two thousand is deprived of a proper place for the holding of religious worship, funeral services and other rites of a devotional character, and,

WHEREAS :- Such a condition is not compatible with, nor conducive to the development of our American ideals, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED:- That this meeting, being a conference of representatives of the various Service Clubs of Saint Paul, and having representatives from the Church organizations of the city together with the representatives of the American Legion Posts, do hereby endorse the movement for providing a Pan-Sectarian Chapel at Fort Snelling and do hereby pledge our moral and material support to all civic, religious, patriotic and commercial organizations in Saint Paul, to give this most meritorious project their united and energetic support.

The week following the above mentioned meeting representatives of the CO-OPERATIVE CLUB asked permission to present the FORT SNELLING CHAPEL PROJECT to all of the luncheon clubs of the city in five minute addresses. The enclosed memorandum is a copy of the addresses of their missionaries.

one of the first to ask that you erect a memorial in glorification of the ideal of that One great world Citizen—the Master Man—who died as a soldier in the sacred cause of truth; whose symbol is a rough-hewn, blood-stained cross, and whose badge of honorable distinction is humble, loving service to all mankind. This is your patriotic duty. A chapel at Fort Snelling will serve the purpose of a useful, adequate memorial.

6. THE MORAL REASON

Then again there is the moral reason for this appeal. For American citizens to send millions of money to give moral and spiritual training for peoples of another skin, and of other races, is undoubtedly for them to be true to the missionary appeal and tradition. China and Japan, Africa and India need the Gospel without doubt; but our own American boys need all these ameliorating influences of morality and religion too. The great Hebrew apostle to the Gentiles said: "If any provide for not his own, and especially for those of his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (1 Tim. 5:8.) The missionary call and appeal for China is clear; but the missionary call for our own Minnesota boys is clarion clear. To neglect it is to be untrue even to the Gospel itself. It is not that we should turn a deaf ear to the call from abroad, but it is that we should surely turn our immediate attention to those within our very midst; those of our own household; those who wait at our very doors—first, not last. It is not a sign of moral intuition or spiritual power for American citizens to thus neglect the moral challenge and the missionary opportunity incident to an integral part of their own constituency.

7. THE SPIRITUAL REASON

Last, but not least is the spiritual reason for this appeal. The souls of the men now in the service of their country are as precious in the sight of Almighty God as are the souls of those in civilian life. The men of the Army and Navy belong to and are a part of the nation. They represent the civilian population for the peace, safety and honor of the country. They have often been called, may now be called upon at any moment, to risk their lives in meeting a crisis at home or abroad. They are cut off from the privileges of home, and the home church. When, in the World War, there were millions of them in service and every home had its representative in khaki, there was a wave of tremendous interest in the spiritual welfare of enlisted men. Now that demobilization has brought the number down so that instead of a representative from every home, there is scarcely one home in a hundred that has a son in the service, are these to be forgotten? Is Christian interest to be so selfish as this? Are we, as Christians, to be vitally interested only when one of our own home circle is involved? Such is not Christianity. The churches have rivalled one another in their laudable efforts to enter the open door of China, India and Japan; shall they refuse to enter this open door? The men in service today are in the midst of peculiar temptations, and spiritual as well as physical danger. It is unthinkable that citizens of Christian America will refuse to listen to the urgency of this challenge, and the solemnity of this appeal. Even though they are called upon by the government to enter the open door collectively rather than individually, the spiritual interests of this large group of young men, future citizens of Minnesota and the great Northwest, demand that provision be made for their highest possible moral development. The best citizenship is impossible without a church in every community.

SEVEN REASONS WHY Minnesota Citizens Should Assist in Placing a Chapel at the Fort Snelling Garrison

BY FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U. S. Army

1. THE NECESSITY REASON

Minnesota citizens, and especially the residents of the great metropolitan area of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, should not be content to have a nearby community of 2,000 residents without a church. And especially is this true when the great majority of those residents are young men barely out of the high school age. It is scarcely Christian to allow such a condition to exist at the very door of opulent, progressive cities. The garrison needs a modern church. The soldiers themselves were the first to realize this need and have already raised an initial contribution of some \$3,000.00 for its prosecution. They are ready to make another generous contribution, if the general public thinks it is necessary and fair for them to do so out of their small monthly stipends. The children of the garrison, to the number of 150, over a year ago made an urgent appeal to Washington through the Commanding Officer for a decent place in which to "Learn how to pray and to study God's Word." They have asked for bread; they should not be given a stone. The necessity exists; this is a legitimate appeal. Government funds cannot be secured. Every consideration of urgency, decency, missionary expediency, fair play and moral compunction argues that this appeal should not fall on deaf ears. The soldiers at Fort Snelling cannot accomplish this task alone. They deserve assistance, and will get it without doubt if Minnesota residents are fair and generous.

2. THE HISTORICAL REASON

Despite the fact that the first ecclesiastical organization in Minnesota was perfected under the shadow of the old Fort Snelling Round Tower, this fine, old military garrison has never had a church building consecrated to the worship of the Almighty. A hundred years ago, and for half a century thereafter, officers and enlisted men of the army remained on duty at this lonely outpost of our pioneer civilization for no other purpose than to protect the early settlers and their infant industries. Minnesota citizens should by all means be slow to forget that in the "Covered Wagon" days soldiers at Fort Snelling stood sentry, guarding their grandfathers and their sturdy sires while they were emerging from pioneer conditions into the civilization which they have inherited, and which they enjoy today. Now, the whole Northwest, fostered by the security which this outpost guaranteed, is dotted everywhere with magnificent churches and chapels; but Fort Snelling itself has none. Every consideration of gratitude and appreciation of this historical fact eloquently argues that a chapel should be placed at Fort Snelling. To delay the proposition is merely to prolong the reproach, an attitude altogether unworthy of the age in which we live.

3. THE ECONOMIC REASON

This is a selfish reason to be sure, but sometimes economic considerations outweigh those of an idealistic and philosophical nature. Fort Snelling is a distinct asset to Minnesota, and especially to the Twin Cities. Every summer we have a great stream of young, virile, hilarious college students from thirty institutions of higher learning, from eight or nine states, to the number of 1500 or 1600, come to Fort Snelling for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Camp. And, in addition to these, we have from 1500 to 2000 young men from three or four states who come to the Citizens' Military Training Camp. These young fellows remain from four to six weeks here in the very heart of your "Land of Ten Thousand Lakes." Many of the parents and friends of these summer students come to Minnesota to visit them while they are in camp. They throng your highways and mingle in your life; they stop at your hotels;

and they visit your summer resorts. But this is a minor consideration to that great advertising medium of these young fellows themselves. They go back to their several institutions of learning, and to their home communities to tell of the wonders of your climate, your lakes, your fishing opportunities, your boating and bathing, your hospitality, ad infinitum. Not a few plan to come back to Minnesota again for their pleasure trips, their vacations, and even for their honey-moons. Minnesota has no greater advertising medium than Fort Snelling affords. Whatever Minnesota may do to make Fort Snelling more attractive and more wholesome from the moral and spiritual standpoint, will be like the proverbial "Bread cast upon the waters to return to you after many days." The best method for immediate, reciprocal action towards Fort Snelling, is for the citizens of Minnesota to make possible this proposed chapel.

4. THE GOOD EXAMPLE REASON

No other military garrison is more conveniently located contiguous to great American cities throbbing with the life and industry of a nation's very heart. None is more intimately associated with the early history and progress of a great commonwealth. Many other garrisons need chapels. Perhaps not more than a dozen of the more than 50 or 60 larger garrisons of the nation have chapels which are up to date, adequate or suitable for modern parish work. And these were provided only when the civilian populations of nearby communities made them possible. While a few temporary chapels have been provided for by the genius of local garrisons in using salvage materials and in reconstructing cantonment buildings left over from the great war, no permanent chapels have been erected in the last score or more of years. If the citizens of Minnesota and the Northwest successfully prosecute this task, they will set a most excellent and worthy example before other communities where similar provision ought to be made for religious work among the troops of the nation whose moral and religious interests should not be neglected. Indeed, the entire nation will take note of what is done at Fort Snelling in this matter and hail your efforts with unanimous approval. Thus a most wholesome influence will be exerted, and due credit will be reflected upon the residents of this state as being pioneers still in a most worthy enterprise—that of providing an attractive and suitable place of worship for men in the patriotic service of their country.

5. THE PATRIOTIC REASON

There is indeed a patriotic reason, too, for making this chapel proposition a reality. If there is any spot in the entire state that ought to be a veritable shrine for the people of Minnesota, that spot is Fort Snelling. Minnesota boys have gone through Fort Snelling to each and every battle-front where "Old Glory" has been flung above the din and strife of conflict in the cause of national freedom, human justice and the sacred rights of all mankind during the last one hundred years. This was especially true in the Civil War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, and the last great World War. Many of your boys went away from Fort Snelling and never returned again. Their blood cries out to heaven for moral justice to other soldier lads who follow them in the service of their country. Where, I ask you, is the logical place for Minnesota citizens to erect a memorial for those gallant spirits, if not at Fort Snelling? How better can Minnesota prove her loyalty to the sacred memory of those heroic souls who have died for their state and for their country? I would be one of the last persons on earth to ask that a memorial be erected for the glorification of the war idea; but I hope that I may be

DEDICATION SERVICE

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Chimes

PRESENTED AND DEDICATED BY THE
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

*In Memory of the Minnesota Men and Women
who died during the World War*

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th, 1930
10:30 A. M.

The Reverend Harry W. Bell, Wadena, Minnesota,
American Legion Department Chaplain, Presiding

Mrs. John Zrust, Glencoe, Minnesota,
American Legion Auxiliary Department Chaplain, Master of Ceremonies

PROGRAM

MUSIC *Selected*

THIRD INFANTRY BAND, Fort Snelling

CHURCH CALL

BUGLERS from Third Infantry, Fort Snelling
(The above numbers outside of Chapel, weather permitting)

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Jubilate Deo" *Silver*

JOHN JACOB BECK

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—"Onward, Christian Soldiers"—Hymn No. 132

National American Legion Auxiliary Glee Club, Color Guard of
Third Infantry in Continental Army Uniform; Colors of American
Legion and American Legion Auxiliary in procession.

OPENING SENTENCES—Presiding Chaplain

Numbers 10:10 and II Chronicles 20:21

INVOCATION—Reverend Harry W. Bell

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison; with chimes for seven petitions)

ANTHEM—"God Shall Wipe Away All Tears"

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY QUARTETTE

Vera Druliner McCoy, Mildred Storey Colby,

Ann Werring, Florence Scallen

MRS. H. A. PATTERSON, *Director*

SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Reverend William J. Harrington

Former Chaplain 151st Field Artillery and American Legion

"AMERICA"—No. 158, Army Hymn Book (Congregation)

CHIMES SOLO—"Christmas in Sicily" *Yon*

JOHN JACOB BECK

"OUR APPRECIATION"—Mr. E. V. Cliff, Ortonville, Minnesota

Department Commander, American Legion

ANTHEM—"Faith, Hope and Love"

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GLEE CLUB

Mrs. H. A. Patterson, Director

Mrs. Oscar Youngdahl, Accompanist

PRESENTATION OF CHIMES

MRS. A. E. AMUNDSEN, Little Falls, Minnesota

Department President, American Legion Auxiliary

ACCEPTANCE AND RESPONSE

COLONEL W. C. SWEENEY, Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling

DEDICATION OF CHIMES

ADALIN WRIGHT MACAULEY, Menomonie, Wisconsin

Former National President, American Legion Auxiliary and FIDAC Auxiliary

DOXOLOGY—"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" (Page 295 Hymnal)

PRAYER—Rabbi Harry S. Margolis, St. Paul, Minn.

CHIMES SOLO—"O'er Still Meadows" *Gordon Balch Nevin*

BENEDICTION—Reverend Gynther Storaasli, Chaplain, Fort Snelling

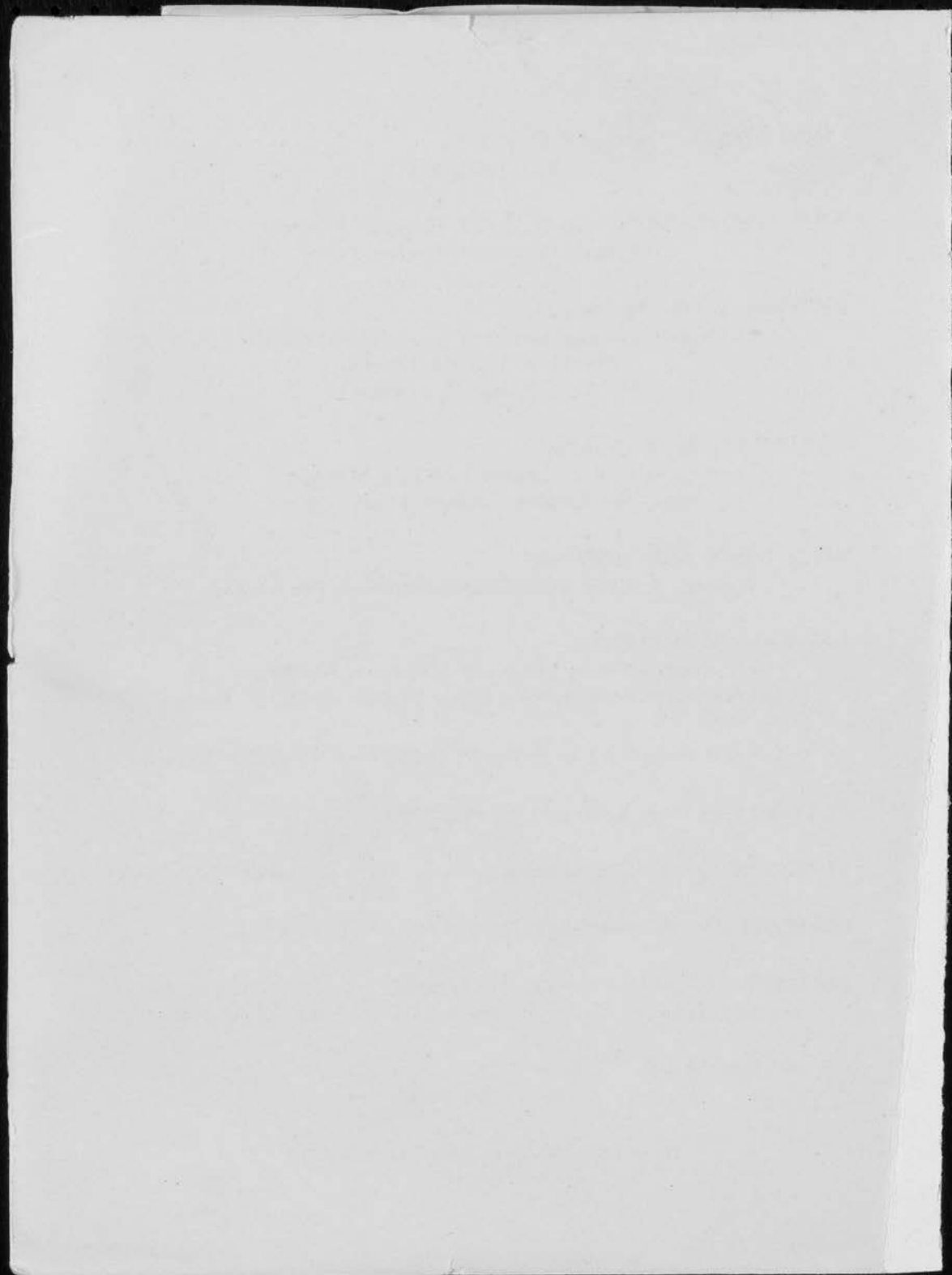
RECESSIONAL HYMN—"America, The Beautiful"

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GLEE CLUB and CONGREGATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Marche in F" *Archer*

JOHN JACOB BECK

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31-March 1950 Age 44. Born 1-7-1906

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Vice-Comm. Our Nations Debt to It's Soldiers

1959 to 1965

By Frank C. Rideout

To-day 11/18/1964.

Chaplain, U. S. A.

Extract from an Address to the Booster Club, Minneapolis, Minn., January 21, 1925.

The United States of America as a nation owes a very considerable debt of gratitude, appreciation and loyalty to the Regular Army. Indeed, this institution, created by the regular processes of law, has abundantly justified its existence through all the changing years of our national life.

One has but to recall the pioneer days of the nation's history to be reminded of the arduous labors, the genuine sacrifices and the countless deeds of heroism upon the part of those who have made the profession of arms their contribution to the nation's well being—giving life and sacrificial service when called upon to do so.

"There's not to make reply,

There's not to ask the reason why,

Their's but to do or die"—

This has been the lot and the history of the Regular Army of the United States through all the years since 1776. They invariably have been ready when the call of duty sounded.

In those days of stress and storm, when danger has been imminent, when threatening clouds have gathered upon the horizon, the proudest and the most honorable thing that any real, red-blooded, able-bodied, he-American citizen could do, has been to don the livery of the government, the uniform of the soldier. For the soldier's uniform has always been, in times of strife, the noblest symbol of sacrificial service, as well as the undisputed badge of honorable distinction.

The soldier of yesteryear deserves the whole-hearted respect and the grateful appreciation of our nation's citizenry. When we recall the fact that in the early years of our nation's existence the soldiers of our Regular Army acted as surveyors of unexplored territory, built roads, bridges and railroads, established lines of communication, opened up navigable rivers, acted as sentries year after year in lonely outposts of our pioneer civilization, all for the safety and the protection of infant colonies and trading ports; when we remember that both officers and enlisted men hazarded their lives day after day in defending the early pioneers from the ravages of the blood-thirsty red men; when we remember that these same redoubtable scions of thrilling adventure penetrated farther and farther out across the prairies, over the mountain ranges into the primeval forests, ever acting as the advance guard of the famous "Covered Wagon"; when we remember all this, we shall do well to pause in reverence in the midst of our hum-drum day of affairs, to hallow the memory of such men as served their country and yours in those far off nearly forgotten days.

The peace time achievements of our Regular Army is a thrilling story to the man who is so minded—as to be fair, unbiased, and willing to face the facts. The contribution of Regular troops to the nation's equilibrium, safety and satisfaction is not inconsiderable, even in these more recent days.

The part played by Regulars in Chicago in the days of the transportation strike; in San Francisco during those awful days following the earthquake; in Galveston, Texas, during the flood; in Panama, after the French government had utterly failed; in the Texas City swamps; in West Virginia, and in Gary, Indiana, during great industrial upheavals; those eventualities have amply justified the existence of the Army, if there can be any justification for the safeguarding of the civil, the personal, the industrial rights of a people under any pretext whatsoever at any time.

Moreover, we shall do well to acquaint ourselves with the fact that right now, in addition to duties of a purely military character, large sections of our troops are carrying forward the processes of our American civilization in Cuba, in Panama, in the Philippine Islands, and at many lonely stations along the Mexican border, at great personal sacrifice, and, in many instances, under conditions of great inconvenience.

The Citizens' Military Training Camps and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Camps, such as are held at Fort Snelling and other convenient places throughout the country every summer, are without question one of our nation's greatest assets, contributing more to our country as a return for the money spent perhaps than any other institution in existence, when values of morality, virtue, physical manhood and character are concerned. Such lessons of patriotism, virtue, manhood, discipline, respect for and obedience to law, and rugged honor as our Army Officers are able to inculcate within the hearts of the young men who attend these summer camps, is of untold value to the nation as a whole. And I am very proud to bear testimony to the fact that our splendid, efficient Army Officers are for the most part true to the trust that has been reposed in them by the nation, and are doing all in their power to inspire the men under them to a higher patriotism, and to useful, honorable, productive living. In fact, both officers and enlisted men are especially selected by the military authorities for work of this kind because of their character qualifications and aptitude for the work, and engage themselves in enterprises which in all the years to come will reflect due credit upon our country as a whole. And we cannot fail to see that the spirit of heroism, romance and service for one's country is not yet altogether dead.

Now I have said all this, fellow citizens,—in order that I might lead up to and lay upon your hearts and consciences the burden and the challenge of a duty which, it seems to me, lies closer to your door. For, in like manner, even as the nation as a whole owes a certain dignified respect to the Regular Army, so also the Commonwealth of Minnesota, and particularly the Twin Cities, owes something of grateful appreciation and loyalty to the garrison of Fort Snelling which lies contiguous to

these great cities now pulsating with the life and industry of a nation's very heart.

Gentlemen, it has not always been so. A hundred years ago, and for a quarter of a century thereafter, the great interest of this entire territory centered out in Fort Snelling. Soldiers were stationed at the junction of the Mississippi and the St. Peter's Rivers in order to protect the scattered farmers, the lonely trading posts, and the infant industries of a territory quite unknown as yet to the rest of our American nation.

What loneliness, what privations, what hardships were endured by the soldiers of Colonel Henry Leavenworth, and Colonel Josiah Snelling and others will never be fully known. We are all together too prone to forget the sacrifices of the past in the mad rush of present endeavors. Suffice it to say that the history of Fort Snelling records sufferings upon the part of the nation's soldiery during those early years which for heroism and devotion to an ideal has a parallel only in the annals of the pilgrims of Plymouth in 1620. As many as 40 soldiers, one-third of the troops of the garrison, died while striving to endure the rigors of that first winter back in 1819. This fact gives some faint idea of the privations which were endured, and the sacrifices which were made by members of the military establishment at your very door, in order that the early settlers might be safe guarded and the processes of civilization carried forward. The death of such men was indeed honorable. As an early writer says:

"They passed away on a remote frontier, amid a wilderness and under circumstances of privation and general distress most difficult to describe, and were buried in obscure and lonely graves whose location has long since been unknown. But they were American soldiers, and died in the service of their country. And there can be no more honorable or glorious death. The possession of this new country demanded sacrifices and those gallant spirits were the first martyrs to the cause of development and the civilization of Minnesota and the great Northwest."

Gentlemen, am I overstating the case when I say to you that the civilian population of a given community owes to the soldiers of that community something of that same opportunity for decency, for morality, and for the cultivation of the spiritual instincts, as they themselves enjoy. That opportunity has not yet been made possible for Fort Snelling. For over a hundred years of that garrison's existence it has never had a building consecrated to the worship of Almighty God and the study of his Holy Word. Many other smaller cities lying adjacent to Army stations in various parts of the country have provided for this necessity. But the Twin Cities somehow, so far, have overlooked the missionary opportunity and the moral challenge of this situation. This utterance is in no sense a condemnation, it is merely made in order to touch your moral nerve centers.

A crusade upon the part of the religious and patriotic forces of Minnesota in behalf of a properly appointed house of divine worship at Fort Snelling would only be in line with the genius of our Christian civilization. In addition to the 1,500 soldiers at the garrison we have upwards of 160 little children who have implovingly reached

out their hands and asked for the bread of life. We must not be content to give them a stone. Will you not therefore assist us in this most worthy cause by making every possible effort to stab the conscience of and awaken to responsive, definite action those forces of righteousness within your midst which ought to be concerned in this enterprise.

The reproach of this situation, standing altogether too long, should now be removed as speedily as possible. For just so long as two thousand young American citizens, your own Minnesota boys for the most part under 21 years of age, are denied the privileges of that one institution which more than any other is intended to instill patriotism, inculcate reverence; which stands for the best things, which contributes to character-building and the conservation of vigorous manhood; just so long Minnesota, and particularly the moral forces of the Twin Cities, are not quite playing the game fair with the soldiers within their midst.

Perhaps if the patriotic, law-abiding, God-fearing citizenry of our country were as willing to give of their time, of their energy, of their influence and of their money for the maintenance of our institutions, for the conservation of our nation's young manhood, for the safeguarding of our ideals, for the self-respect and the honor of our soldiers; if we were as willing to do this as the destructive forces of society are to degrade and debauch our country's manhood represented within the ranks, and to bring the organizations of our national defense into disfavor and ill-repute, then, perhaps, there might be no need for this appeal.

I want to make an earnest though humble appeal today to all persons who love justice and righteousness to assist in putting the emphasis of this proposition where it will produce results. Will you not make an effort to get this matter before influential business men, asking them when they are in their churches and preparing their budgets to send missionaries to far off heathen lands, that they do not forget the duties that lie nearer at hand. In the name of High Heaven, and in memory of George Washington the soldier, who knelt in the snows of Valley Forge and prayed for his country, for his countrymen and his soldiers, do not forget the soldiers who serve the flag now, at your very doors. Fort Snelling needs a chapel. The Government is not now, nor has it ever been engaged in the construction of churches, or in doing any other form of religious work. The citizens of Minnesota ought to build this chapel, and I believe they will build it when they know all the facts concerning the need.



THE Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center Association has been incorporated. In addition to the officers and board of directors, numerous outstanding men and women of this community and the State of Minnesota are associated in the project.

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A Neglected Opportunity



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FORT SNELLING enjoys a unique place in history. No shot has ever been fired at a foe from its walls, yet during the first half of its existence, the Fort brought safety and justice to a wilderness. Under its shadow grew the beginning of our rich Northwest Empire. The protection of Fort Snelling in those early days has made possible the splendid homes, the productive industries, and the hundreds of fine churches of the Northwest.

Thousands of men and youths of the Northwest have trained within its walls—its vine-clad tower has welcomed back the survivors of three wars. Today the Fort continues in the paths of peace. Soldiers and officers of the permanent garrison with their families make a community of nearly 2,000 people. Each summer brings still another 3,000 of our finest youths from colleges and from private homes to the summer training camps.

And yet in all of its history, although responsible for the moral training, the providing of wholesome recreation for the men and their children and for their development into useful citizens, Fort Snelling has never itself had a church or a community center. Its facilities for this portion of its task have been the most meager kind of make-shifts. They are as inadequate as those which greeted the first Chaplain nearly one hundred years ago.

An opportunity for the people of Minnesota in providing Fort Snelling a suitable chapel and community center building has long been neglected. It should be a fitting memorial to those who have gone from the Fort to give their lives for their country and an edifice sufficient to the needs and obligations of the present.



Present Facilities are Grossly Inadequate

FOR MANY years the only building available for religious services was a small abandoned school house. There was no place to house a post library or reading rooms, no club room facilities, no recreation center. Since the World War a temporary structure of wood and compo board has served as hostess house, recreation center, library and house of worship. What entertainment features are given at the Fort are staged here. Occasionally it must be shifted about to care for a wedding or funeral. There is no other place. On Sunday mornings it is again re-arranged for Mass, then for Sunday School for the two hundred children of the Fort and then back again for Protestant services. After "Church" those who wish to use the library may re-enter the building and the folding chairs are put away so that enlisted men may entertain their friends here during the remainder of the day.

There are 2,000 people at the Fort, and in the summer 7,000. The frame building can care for about 200. But even this inadequate structure must be abandoned very soon, as unsafe for further use.

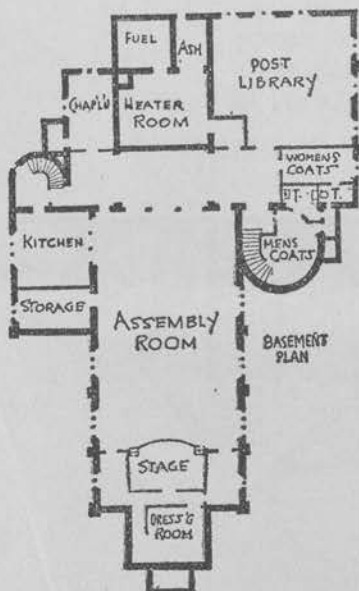
A Splendid Start Has Been Made

But Minnesota has awakened to its neglected debt. Business institutions, churches, veterans' organizations and patriotic and civic groups are uniting in their activity to provide an edifice dedicated to those who have given their lives and to those who still serve.

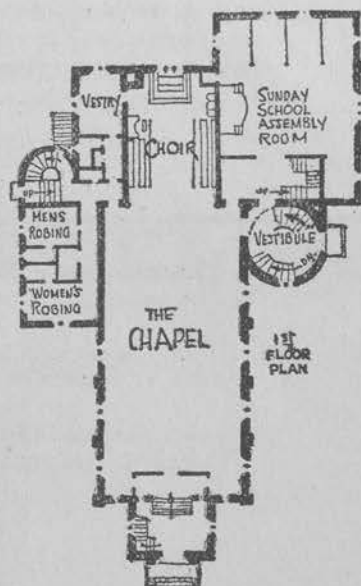
The soldiers themselves were the first to realize the need and two years ago raised \$3,000—a generous response in view of the scantiness of army pay and the uncertainty of tenure at any one post. Recently they contributed another \$700. Veterans' organizations are soliciting their own membership as are many patriotic and civic organizations. A Minneapolis church has contributed \$1,000 and a Saint Paul church a like amount. A church convention has also contributed \$1,000. A large committee of leading business men in Saint Paul and Minneapolis are themselves contributing and soliciting others. The churches have set aside Sunday, February 7th, as Fort Snelling Sunday and are organizing to care for their share. The War Department, while it cannot build a community center or a chapel, has donated a beautiful and well located site. The Department will likewise maintain any structure which is erected.

If this were a colony of Chinese young men with their families, or Hindus, the need would have come to our attention and would have been cared for decades ago. Shall we care for distant needs so well and leave neglected this one at our very door?

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Plans shown here are the result of a contest among the architects of the state. They disclose a substantial structure of quiet beauty which will provide equally well for worship of Protestant, Catholic and Jew. It will likewise provide club rooms, post library and a community center. Its cost with equipment will be \$100,000.



Fort
Snelling
Chapel

A
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Memorial

The Fort Snelling Chapel

A Minnesota Memorial

The Snelling Soldiers Want a Chapel.

The soldiers at Fort Snelling have demonstrated the fact that they want a decent chapel. They have raised not less than Four Thousand Dollars during the past four years for this purpose. Most of this came from enlisted men who are getting but \$21.00 per month. The wives of the enlisted men at Fort Snelling have an organization known as "The Chapel Aid Society". During the past four years they have raised upwards of \$600.00 for the chapel fund in addition to assisting the Chaplain in various charitable and social enterprises. The 200 children of the garrison have also saved their pennies for the chapel which they hope some day to have. They have asked for "Bread", Minnesota citizens will not give them a stone of cold indifference.

The Government and Chapel Construction.

There is no likelihood that the Government will ever undertake to build chapels at military reservations. Only one has ever thus been provided for, and that was at West Point Military Academy. Annual reports of the Secretary of war for the past few years have all emphasized the fact that one of the reasons for a low morale in the army is because of the improper housing facilities. Upwards of 40,000 of the young men in our small army are living under canvass or in shabby old can-

tonement structures built during the World War. If the government builds one chapel it must expect to build not less than 100. This would involve an expense totaling millions of dollars. It is unlikely that the small appropriations for the army will be used for the building of chapels when there is such an urgent demand for economy, and when barracks are so badly needed.

Statement of Finances.

The architect's plans call for a chapel and community center building with facilities for Sunday Schools for both children and adults, for social rooms and library space, all of which, without furnishings, will cost approximately \$70,000.00. Residents of the Twin Cities and of the garrison have raised about \$50,000.00. Work has been accomplished on the foundation by soldiers which represents an expenditure of about \$6,000.00. Bids for the chapel structure, plus architect's fees, call for an outlay of some \$65,000.00. The amount needed to commence building is approximately \$15,000.00.

Will Make Vocal Essential Unity of Church.

The Snelling Memorial Chapel project is an inter-church responsibility. When completed the Chapel will be available for the use of Protestants, Catholics and Jews. Seldom has a project drawn the church people of a state or community together in the bonds of a common task as this united effort has done. It has its patriotic appeal, but it also has in it the challenge of the missionary necessity. Such an effort as this makes vocal the one

fact which needs to be expressed today as never before—that we are united; and that it is the aim of all to make this world a better world, and so prepare men for future eventualities.

Not China, Or India, But Minnesota.

The 1,400 boys at Fort Snelling come from the homes of Minnesota parents and from the Northwest. A recent census shows that the religious affiliations of the soldiers at Fort Snelling are substantially as follows: Catholics 275; Methodists 250; Lutherans 225; Baptists 175; Presbyterians 125; Episcopalians 100; Congregationalists 75. Many come from homes where religion has played no part at all or where it has been a matter of contention. A pan sectarian chapel at Fort Snelling, made possible by the united gifts of all, will do much to win all these soldiers to a higher morality and to a more vital faith; it will also do much to re-habilitate the faith of those who, through no fault of their own, have lapsed into indifference and unbelief. This task constitutes a challenge and a responsibility as well as an opportunity for Minnesota citizens.

A Minnesota Memorial.

The proposed chapel will be a unique and most distinctive Minnesota memorial. In architecture it retains the Motif of the old Fort Snelling Round Tower, built in 1822, and of the first governor's residence, the historic Sibley House at Mendota. Into its rugged masonry will be glorified the gifts of ex-service men, gold-star mothers, soldiers and little children; as well, also, as the more substantial gifts of Minnesota business men, commercial institutions, patriotic organizations and churches of all denominations.



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Rev. Ellsworth C. Reamon,
Assistant Pastor

Sunday, February 15, 1925

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Christopher Herseth

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Soprano
Contralto
Tenor
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FREEDOM OF OUR FAITH

"It is a happy circumstance that in the denomination of Universalists no one feels bound to support and defend the particular opinions of another any further than he is himself convinced of their truth and importance. Our platform of faith is general and allows individuals an extensive latitude to think freely, to investigate minutely, and to adopt what particular views best comport with the honest convictions of the mind, and fearlessly to avow and defend the same."

Hosea Ballou.

UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES

The Universal Fatherhood of God.

The Spiritual Authority and Leadership of His Son Jesus Christ.

The Universal Brotherhood of Man.

The Trustworthiness of the Bible as containing a Revelation from God

The Certainty of Just Retribution for Sin.

The Final Harmony of All Souls with God

Morning Worship

"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is acceptable to Him." Acts X: 35.

Organ Prelude—Romanza

H. Parker

Call To Worship:

"O magnify the name of the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

Dorology (Congregation standing).

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly throng,
Praise God, our Father, in your song. Amen.

Responsive Chant with Choir

Invocation (Congregation remain standing.)

Lord's Prayer, Chanted by Choir

Responsive Reading

Minister: The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad thereof.

People: Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitations of his throne.

Minister: The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

People: He preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Minister: Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

People: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth.

Minister: He gathered the waters of the sea together as a heap, He layeth up the deep in storehouses.

People: Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

Minister: For He spake, and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast.

People: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Anthem—Who so Dwelleth Under the Defence

Martin

Scripture Lesson

Hymn
Prayer

(Congregation joining in the following sentence at the close):

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer."

Response By Choir

Anthem—Gently Lord Oh Gently Lead Us

Berwald

Announcements

Hymn

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory Trio—Nearer My God to Thee

Kitziger

Miss Luedke, Mrs. Wichman, Mr. Herseth.

Benediction, Seven-Fold Amen

Organ Postlude—Invocation

Dubois

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Mmes. F. L. Conkey and W. H. Ryerse are furnishing the flowers this morning in memory of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. David Davis.

CALENDAR FOR THE DAY

10:30 a.m. Sermon by Dr. Shutter, "ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND CHARLES DARWIN."

Kindergarten and Primary Departments of the Church School meet at this hour under the supervision of Mrs. F. C. Todd.

12:05 p.m. CHURCH SCHOOL. Classes in all departments.

In Dr. Shutter's class the lesson on "The Religion of Buddhism," will be continued; in Mrs. Buchanan's class the lesson will be from the book of Acts, "A Church Council."

5:00 p.m. Y. P. C. U. Subject: "Fundamentalism and Modernism," What it is and why. Leader, Katherine Kelley.

7:30 p.m. "THE HIGHEST LAW." Tense dramatic episode in President Lincoln's life, revealing the great human qualities of the man. Struggling with a national crisis, "Honest Abe" yet takes the time to save a stricken family. A stirring Civil War story which carries its eternal message to "temper justice with mercy." Ralph Ince, the eminent actor, as the "Great Emancipator."

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, February 18, 10 a. m. LADIES' SOCIAL CIRCLE, all day work meeting with luncheon at noon.

12:15 p. m. GENERAL CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Thursday, February 19, 6:15 p. m. CLARA BARTON GUILD, dinner followed by business meeting and program. Miss Mary Moulton Cheney of the Minneapolis School of Art will speak on her work there. All young women of the congregation are cordially invited, but reservations for dinner must be made at the church office by Thursday noon.

Friday, February 20, 4 p. m. INTERMEDIATE Y. P. C. U., devotional meeting at the church, Janice Morissette, leader.

6:45 p. m. ROOSEVELT TROOP NO. 2, in the scout room.

Saturday, February 21, 3-5 p. m. WASHINGTON TEA, at the home of Mrs. Helen Cobb Tircher, 1783 Colfax Ave. S., given by the Clara Barton Guild. New members and friends of members are especially invited.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS

The Women's Association and the Clara Barton Guild are entering upon a campaign during February to increase their membership. This is a national move in response to the appeal of Mrs. Valleryne, national chairman, "February For Finding Folks." The returns from every state will be published in the March member of the Bulletin. Mrs. E. J. Wulling is chairman for the Association and Mrs. John S. Kellogg for the Guild.

RECORD OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL, 1924

According to the standards set by the General Sunday School Association our local School ranks well up among the leaders. A recent communication from Headquarters indicates that we are rated as an "Honor" School with one hundred per cent for affiliation and one hundred per cent for efficiency. An effort is now being made to reach a standard designated as "Higher Efficiency."

ORDER OF EVENING WORSHIP, 7:30 P. M.

(The organ will begin at 7:20)

PRELUDE (a) Largo	Handel
(b) To the Evening Star (Tannhauser)	Wagner
INVOCATION—Closing with the Lord's Prayer, repeated in unison.	
ANTHEM—There is no Night in Heaven	Bullard
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
ADDRESS	
HYMN	
PICTURE: "THE HIGHEST LAW"	
OFFERTORY DUET—Hark, Hark My Soul	Shelley
	Miss Luedke, Mr. Herseth
PICTURE—Continued.	
SOLO	
	Miss Luedke
DOXOLOGY	
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE—Marche Triomphale	Lemmens

OBITUARY

We record, with sincere regret, the passing of Mr. B. W. Stephenson, in California, last month; and of Mr. Charles P. Fortner, in this city, on the 6th of February. Both of these men were valued members of our society and will be greatly missed from our ranks. The sympathy of all the congregation goes out to their families.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stoft and their daughter, Mrs. Frieda S. Robinson, left for California last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Weed Munro has gone to New Orleans to visit her daughter, Mrs. Watson.

The bugler at the Lincoln's Birthday Banquet of the Loyal Legion at the Oak Grove Hotel, was Roy Albin, bugler of our Roosevelt Troop No. 2.

Capt. and Mrs. Arnold W. Shutter arrived in the city yesterday morning and will spend a few days with Dr. and Mrs. Shutter at the Oak Grove Hotel.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 26, the Ladies' Social Circle will sponsor a large parish dinner, to be given at the Church at 6:15 P. M. Plan now to attend!

STEMBEL LECTURES

The Clara Barton Guild will sponsor a series of six Lenten Lectures on **Current Events and New Books** to be given by Mrs. C. P. Stembel, on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock in the lecture room. The first lecture will be February 25. Course tickets, \$1.50, may be secured from members of the Guild. Mrs. Helen Cobb Tircher is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

THE SHUBERT BENEFIT

The Women's Association and Clara Barton Guild wish to thank their friends for their generous support of the benefit performance last Monday evening. The net proceeds amount to about \$270.00.

THE UNIVERSALIST GENERAL CONVENTION AND FORT SNELLING

There is great need of a chapel at Fort Snelling. Fifteen hundred soldiers are stationed there, and every summer hundreds of Reserve Officers and young men hold their training camps on the grounds. The policy of the War Department is such that "it is futile to try to secure chapels until sufficient money has been appropriated to solve the housing problem for the army." If there is to be a chapel at Fort Snelling, it must be built by the interested people of St. Paul and Minneapolis. An effort is being made to secure a conference of citizens of both cities to discuss the matter, and to decide upon the course to pursue. In the meantime a gathering of 300 Universalist laymen met at the Hotel Commodore in New York to discuss a Five Year Program for the denomination. On the suggestion of Mr. Arthur Nash, of Cincinnati, it was resolved to add to that program a fund for certain objects outside of the denomination—a fund to be administered by the Trustees of our Convention. During the recent visit of Mr. Nash to Minneapolis, he had become greatly interested in the Fort Snelling project. The result was that the Convention appropriated \$1,000 for the chapel, and a check for that amount has been forwarded to Dr. Shutter and turned over to Dr. Blyth, of the Federal Council of Churches, Minneapolis. It is hoped that this may stimulate contributions in the Twin cities.

NOTE

*Dr. Arnold Stohrer Co. B. 3rd Inf. Ft. Snelling, Minn.
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The Fort Snelling Chapel Project

By FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U. S. A.

A GOOD FINANCIAL BEGINNING.

The sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) was raised by the troops of the Fort Snelling garrison for the purpose of constructing a Chapel over a year ago. To this amount has been added two gifts of \$1,000.00 each.

Early in December, 1924, Mr. Arthur Nash, a clothing manufacturer of Cincinnati, Ohio, visited the Twin Cities and became greatly interested in our Chapel project. Shortly after that he made an address before the Laymen's League of the Universalist Church in New York in which he advised them of this matter and recommended a donation to get the movement started. A few days after the opening of the New Year, 1925, a check for \$1,000.00 reached Rev. Marion D. Shutter, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Minneapolis, to be handed to the Rev. R. B. Blyth, D. D., of the Minneapolis Council of Churches for the Chapel Project.

UNITY CHURCH, ST. PAUL, MAKES PLEDGE.

On the evening of February 6, 1925, the Rev. F. M. Eliot, pastor of Unity Church of Saint Paul, heard of the need of a Chapel at Fort Snelling for the first time. On Sunday morning following, during his sermon, he told his congregation of the need. On Tuesday, February 10, 1925, the Laymen's League of Unity Church, by enthusiastic vote, approved the proposition and pledged \$1,000.00 on the condition that other churches of the Twin Cities obligate themselves proportionately so as to build a modern Chapel at Fort Snelling along the lines at present proposed.

A CHALLENGE TO DEFINITE AND IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Both of these above-named gifts were made with a keen intellectual grasp of the moral implications of the situation, and as a challenge to others to "carry on" without delay. Mr. Arthur Nash, who was responsible for the first gift, said: "This gift is sent in the hope and confidence that it will stir the people of the Twin Cities to action and that your much needed chapel will speedily be built." And Dr. Eliot said: "I hope that this subscription will stimulate interest among the other churches of the Twin Cities and move them to immediate action. If they will see the immense value of building the right sort of a chapel and act promptly, each church giving in proportion to its means, and without denominational or sectarian distinctions, the total amount can very quickly be raised."

THE PERMANENCY OF FORT SNELLING.

Many persons persist in asking if there are sufficient assurances of the permanency of the Fort Snelling garrison to warrant an undertaking of this sort. The War Department perhaps will not make any statement concerning this. Neither will the government itself make any definite statement about any institution, the permanency of which depends upon the votes of the American people. Why would it not be just as easy

and just as reasonable to take it for granted that as Fort Snelling has endured for upwards of 100 years, so it will remain for another century? Indeed in all its history the garrison has never had more promise or prospect of permanency than right now. It is one of the very finest centers of civilian training in our entire nation. Scores upon scores of young men from not less than a dozen states look forward year after year with eager anticipation to their summer camp at Fort Snelling in the very heart of the "Land of 10,000 Lakes."

WILL MAKE VOCAL THE ESSENTIAL UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Here is a program big enough to draw together the churches of the Twin Cities in the bonds of a common sympathy, interest and task perhaps as nothing else within the realm of their present activities. To undertake a task like this will undoubtedly win for the Churches the approval and the admiration of thousands of onlookers to whom such an effort will be a practical demonstration of what they are preaching from their pulpits all the time, that the Master's prayer may be fulfilled: "That they all may be one." This is a time when moral leadership is wanted in a deserving cause. All men of forward-looking, vital faith, clear vision, and real action will probably co-operate in this undertaking, as they could not be expected to co-operate in many other enterprises. Such a co-operative movement upon the part of the churches of the Twin Cities will make vocal in symphonic strains of harmonious effort that fact of all facts which needs to be convincingly expressed today, and which has not been, and cannot be, adequately expressed in song only, though we have been trying to express it that way for over a hundred years, as we have sung with great gusto: "We are not divided, All one body we, One in hope and doctrine, One in charity." This fine old song now needs the added emphasis of illustrative deeds. "By their fruits ye shall know them," and not by their Sunday songs.

NO IMMEDIATE HOPE OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

There is no great likelihood that we may expect Government assistance in this project. The 1924 Annual Report of the Secretary of War shows that some 40,000 army troops are improperly housed. A recent letter from Washington says: "The policy of the war department is such that it is futile to strive to secure chapels until sufficient money has been appropriated to solve the housing problem for the Army. It would do the people of this country good, if they would undertake to provide a few choice places of worship on military reservations."

The people of the Twin Cities have an opportunity of setting a good example before the entire nation in this respect. "Now is the time and here is the place."

ENDORSED BY STATE GOVERNOR AND TWIN CITIES' MAYORS

"I want to assure you that I am thoroughly in sympathy with the project of erecting a suitable chapel for the holding of religious service at Fort Snelling. Inasmuch as government funds cannot be secured for this purpose, I believe it is a project which should enlist the interest of citizens generally. Be assured that anything I can do in the way of arousing sentiment for this project will be cheerfully done."—Theodore Christianson.

"For twenty years I have been in the National Guard of Minnesota,

and during that time I have been closely associated with every soldier activity at Fort Snelling. I thoroughly endorse your plan for providing a house of worship there. During the twenty years mentioned, and especially during mobilization for the Mexican service and for the World War, I have seen thousands and thousands of the best men of the nation go through the Snelling camps. Each year it is my privilege to take part in some, and observe all of the various training camps at Fort Snelling, and I think, believing as I do that the greatest thing in life is Christianity, that it is little short of an outrage that this reservation has not been provided with a church. If there is any influence in my public or private life that I can bring to bear on the successful completion of your program, please command me. The people of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, and of the State of Minnesota, should respond generously, and you can use my name in any way you see fit to bring the matter to their favorable attention."—George E. Leach.

"The situation concerning the need of a Chapel at Fort Snelling is indeed urgent. - - We are as proud of Fort Snelling now in St. Paul as were the early settlers, but perhaps because of our being engrossed in the growth and progress of our city our interest has diminished. If this is so, then interest should be revived, and I know of no more appropriate plan than through the erection of a Chapel in which we as well as the other citizens of Minnesota may do a share of the work. The inadequacy of a proper place in which the soldiers may worship has been plainly set forth. I believe it should be remedied and that the people of Saint Paul should assist. I shall be very glad to help in any way I can and will be pleased to have you advise me as to how I may be of further service."—Arthur E. Nelson.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION ENDORSE

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the Daughters of the American Revolution in annual session at Saint Paul this 26th day of September, 1924, do hereby heartily endorse the Fort Snelling Chapel proposition as a most worthy and necessary enterprise. And we do hereby commend this object to the generous consideration of all patriotic and ecclesiastical organizations, and to individuals and firms which are in a position to assist in a financial way. We believe that the reproach of a century's standing should be wiped out now, and that this community with a permanent though ever-changing population of upwards of two thousand souls should be provided with a suitable house of worship through the generous and united contributions of individuals and organizations in this section of the country as soon as possible."

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSE

The Councils of Churches of both Minneapolis and of St. Paul have warmly commended the project without a single dissenting voice. The Federation of Ministers of Minneapolis also, and the Saint Paul Christian Endeavor Union have commended the project as a great "Missionary opportunity and a moral challenge," to the people of the state. The Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution have also approved it, and, like other organizations here mentioned, have appointed a strong co-operating committee.

PUBLICITY IN THE CHURCHES.

A number of pastors in the Twin Cities have recently given wings to

the idea of the need of a chapel at Fort Snelling by briefly stating the facts of the situation in their weekly Church Bulletins. This has not only proved interesting as news to church-going people, but it has been greatly appreciated by the General Committee, of which Rev. R. B. Blyth, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Minneapolis Council of Churches, is chairman. Every favorable word spoken in advance will make the work of the committee lighter. And when the Chapel is at last finished and dedicated to the service of man and the glory of God, as it will be soon, it will be a monument to the zeal and faith and loyalty of the Christian people of the Twin Cities.

AFTER RESOLUTIONS—WHAT?

Now that the step of moral leadership has been taken and an appeal been made to the conscience of Minnesota people, the task seems to lie before us as plain as an open book. If this ought to be done, then somebody ought surely to do it. Now we need action. One Church has acted promptly already, without passing any resolution. They have proven their faith by their works, and their sincerity cannot be questioned. Now is the time for others to act.

TYPE OF PROPOSED CHAPEL AND PROBABLE COST

The Adjutant General's approval of the Chapel project was secured on September 27, 1923, as follows: "Approved with the proviso that the building so constructed shall be Pan-Sectarian in character, and donations thereto not limited to any particular sect or society." Accordingly, it is our hope that sufficient money may be secured from all sources so as to construct a building along such composite lines that services of all creeds may be appropriately conducted therein. It has been proposed to have an ell part to the building in which will be placed an altar for the Catholics, which they may consecrate for their own exclusive use if this is agreeable to them, such a plan will be carried out, without doubt and will cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000.00.

A WORTHY MEMORIAL AND A MACEDONIAN CALL

In many cities throughout the land war memorials have been constructed in recent years at great cost, to perpetuate the memory and to honor the noble deeds of dear departed soldiers. Why would it not have been just as appropriate to have constructed useful monuments for the living in honor of the dead, in the form of chapels at our army stations? Such a program ought surely to make its silent appeal to all persons who love justice. It would be placing an emphasis where it properly belongs. There is scarcely a soldier in the army but would desire to see a chapel, adequate in size and suitable in architecture and appointment, at Fort Snelling; and every soldier who serves his flag and country would be benefited thereby. Here, too, is a Macedonian call of irresistible significance. It must be heard. This thing is going "over the top." The batteries are charged. The proposition is gaining momentum every day. The ministers of the Twin Cities should play the leading roll in this moral enterprise. If they do not others will spring to the front place very shortly; and any individual or organization which has the courage and the moral vision to play a conspicuous part in this affair will be glad for their activities six months from now.

Release Wednesday October 28.

After using makeshift buildings for more than a century for its religious services, Fort Snelling is at last to have a chapel if a campaign for funds launched by citizens of the state this fall is successful. Plans have been made to raise \$100,000 by voluntary contributions and the campaign is to take place the week of November 30.

A competition under the rules of the American Institute of Architects which any architect in the state may enter is being conducted to assure the most beautiful and efficient building possible to fit into the scenic and historic setting selected for the chapel on the reservation. Thirty-two architects have entered this competition and at least half this number are expected to submit designs on November 6. The designs are to be judged by a special committee composed of Colonel W. E. Welch, commandant of the fort, Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, and a Chicago architect who is an expert on church construction.

In the Twin Cities the campaign is being conducted by two committees of citizens who have taken up the work as a patriotic duty. Governor Christianson is honorary chairman of the campaign. They are being assisted by virtually all of the service clubs, women's clubs, fraternal organizations and patriotic societies in the two cities. The state campaign will depend largely for its success upon the generosity of those living in the smaller cities and towns for there is not time to organize, nor funds to carry on, an extensive drive through the state. Women's clubs and branches of veterans organizations and other military groups have been asked to aid in impressing the people with the need for a chapel at the Fort.

There are 1,500 men regularly stationed at the Fort and during the summer months between 5,000 and 6,000 more attend training camps there. Because there is no adequate place to take care of such numbers church services have to be held out of doors. When the summer camps close services are held in a temporary building constructed by the Red Cross during the war and now used for boxing matches, dances and parties. This room, with its memories of frivolous occasions, lacks the proper atmosphere for religious services, Chaplain Rideout has pointed out.

The men at the Fort have shown their appreciation of the need for a chapel by raising \$3,000 when the idea was suggested two years ago and another \$1,000 this fall when the campaign was taken up by citizens' committees. Hundreds of the men who attended training camps at the Fort the past summer also declared themselves in favor of a new chapel and they are expected to carry this message to their friends and acquaintances in their home towns.

Contributions from all over the country have already been received, one for \$1,000 coming from New York. The Twin Cities have been allotted the major quota of the \$100,000 needed but those promoting the campaign want as much aid as possible from citizens throughout

the state because they feel that the chapel should be a state-wide project, a monument erected by the people of Minnesota to the courageous garrison which first founded the post in 1820 and gave protection and valiant aid to the pioneers who wrested this state from the wilderness.

The new chapel, as being designed by the architects, is to be pan-sectarian; that is it will be suitable for services of all denominations. It will have a separate room where the 150 children of men at the Fort can attend Sunday School sessions. If funds will permit there will also be an auditorium where special functions such as Thanksgiving day exercises and a community Christmas tree can be held.

If the fort is to have a chapel it must be built through contributions of citizens for the government does not provide places of worship for its posts. When Chaplain Rideout first deplored lack of proper church facilities at the Fort the civilians to whom he was speaking expressed surprise at learning that there was no chapel. This gave him the idea of starting the movement for a chapel; he believes that most of the people of the state do not realize that there is no place at the Fort for religious worship and that when they learn of the situation they will be glad to contribute toward a fund to correct this condition.

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Those interested in promoting the drive for funds, which takes place February 7th to 13th, have thought perhaps patriotic groups throughout the State might like an opportunity to make a contribution to this worthy project, and have invited the Auxiliary to partake.

When it is considered that there are 200 children on the reservation without proper facilities for religious training; that there are about 1500 men on the reservation throughout the year; that approximately 3000 young men pass through the Training Camps during the summer months each year, are deprived of a proper place to worship their God; that men from Fort Snelling have gone out to all wars in which our Country has figured; that there are over one hundred "unknown soldiers" in Fort Snelling's God's Acre, it would seem a patriotic and a civic duty to help in any small way we can to make it possible that religious worship may be carried on in a dignified manner at Fort Snelling.

Units in the Fourth District have each appointed a Chapel Chairman, and are holding a meeting in the immediate future to formulate a plan for making a contribution. Our Legion men are also planning to make donations by various methods. It is suggested that Units wishing to avail themselves of this privilege may take one of the following ways of making a donation:

- No.1. Direct solicitation of members of the Unit.
- No.2. No direct solicitation of members, but give some sort of an entertainment, the proceeds of which will be given to the Chapel project.
- No.3. No direct solicitation of members, but a contribution direct from the treasury of the Unit.

Of course it is to be understood that this appeal is just a suggestion, and there is nothing obligatory in this message.

Any Unit or individual wishing to make donations may send them to Department Headquarters.

Mrs. John Zrust, of Glencoe, Department Memorial Chairman, has sent the first donation - \$5.00.

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Most of the people of the twin cities are familiar with the story of this unique accomplishment, but thousands of other persons throughout the state will undoubtedly be interested, and it is for this group of radio listeners, in particular, that we venture a brief rehearsal of the story to-night.

The idea for having a decent place of worship for the young men of the Army originated at Fort Snelling among the officers and soldiers themselves some five years ago, shortly after the garrison had celebrated the first centennial of its existence. Compliments had been paid throughout the state and nation to the contribution which the garrison had made in pioneer days, in peace and in time of war. In the spring of 1923, the soldiers, officers, and ladies of the reservation held an out-door carnival at which nearly \$5,000.00 was raised. Thus was definitely launched the movement which is now coming to a successful culmination.

With full knowledge that it would be futile to expect a government appropriation for such a cause, the Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling, in March of the same year, forwarded a communication to the Adjutant General of the Army, requesting authority to construct a chapel. On September 23, 1923, the Adjutant General gave approval to this project as follows:

"Approved with the proviso that the building so constructed shall be pan-sectarian in character, and donations thereto not limited to any particular sect or society".

It took the greater part of the following year for the chaplain at Fort Snelling to attract the attention, to enlist the support of church and patriotic organizations

in this project, and to crystalize the conviction that a chapel was really needed and ought to be provided for the garrison. During this time hundreds of addresses were made and many resolutions were passed by ministerial and church organizations, patriotic societies and luncheon clubs, all voicing this prevailing sentiment that this thing ought to be done. No less than three distinct groups of individuals representing church and civic groups were organized on various occasions, but they all lapsed into indifference and plans miscarried. Finally Governor Theodore Christianson consented to act as honorary chairman of a central committee with distinct groups in both St. Paul and Minneapolis, headed up by Mr. Carl T. Schuneman and Mr. Sumner T. McKnight, respectively. From that date on efforts have been effective and progress steady.

Early in December, 1924, the late Arthur Nash (Golden Rule Nash) clothing manufacturer of Cincinnati, Ohio, became greatly interested and was instrumental in securing the first large contribution for the chapel in the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Universalist Laymen's League, with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. The Rev. F. M. Eliot, pastor of Unity Church, St. Paul, shortly after followed suit by securing the pledge of a like contribution from the Laymen's League of his congregation. The Norwegian Lutheran Synod also voted a similar amount in August, 1925. A quiet financial campaign conducted in the Twin Cities during the winter months of 1926, netted the sum of about \$50,000.00.

A building Committee with Mr. Walter H. Wheeler of Minneapolis as chairman, was appointed early in 1925. Upon the suggestion of Mr. M. M. Cochran of St. Paul, the architects of the state were invited to enter into a friendly contest for suitable plans for the chapel. Twenty two Minnesota architects entered the competition. The instructions of the Building Committee to the architects made it plain that the plans finally adopted by a jury selected for the purpose of adjudging the winner, would take into consideration the following points:

(1) Efficiency of Plan.

- (2) Probability of economical construction.
- (3) Adaptability to site, and
- (4) Expression of the special character imposed by local conditions and historic background.

Hewitt and Brown, Inc., Architects of Minneapolis were adjudged winners of the contest, Nov. 7, 1926. Architecturally the chapel is a beautiful Minnesota Memorial. The history of the state is indicated in its rugged outlines. The motif of the Old Round Tower, Minnesota's oldest and most picturesque landmark, built in 1822, and the ruggedness of the Sibley House, home of Minnesota's first governor at Mendota, are maintained in the chapel. The exterior of the building is now nearly complete. It is built of native rubble sandstone with carved Bedford stone trimmings and slate roof. The tower rises 60 feet above ground level, and will later be provided with a set of chimes, the gift of the American Legion Auxiliary of Minnesota. The interior of the chapel will be plain, but impressive.

The turning of the first sod for the building was held on September 5, 1926. Contracts for the structure were let to Spaldy and Hag, ^{Haaganson, Minneapolis} lowest bidders, on June 28, 1927. ^{The first sod was turned on September 5, 1926, and} An impressive ceremonial for the laying of the corner-stone was held on August 21, 1927. The next great event will be the dedication, which, let us hope, will not be unnecessarily delayed. The ideal of religious democracy - all men equal in the presence of their creator - is in striking evidence in the chapel, for a gallery on the ~~at~~ side of the main auditorium, over the choir robing rooms, provides seating space for soldiers undergoing discipline at the garrison. The seating capacity of the main auditorium, including gallery and choir, will be approximately 500. The chapel will be primarily a house of worship. But it will be much more than that. It will furnish adequate space for community and parish work. Well appointed Sunday School rooms will provide a suitable place for religious instruction, not only for the 1500 soldiers, but also for the more than 200 children of the garrison, families of officers and ^{of} enlisted men.

Its spacious basement will house the Post Library of about 10,000 books, and furnish space for lectures and recreational activities, dining room and kitchen. The building is to be equipped with ladies parlor, committee and choir rooms, and offices.

Back of the appeal for a place of worship on the part of the soldiers is the appeal of necessity romance, patriotism and religion. Approximately \$13,000.00 more is needed to complete the project. When finished, the structure will represent an outlay of about \$100,000.00, ^Not less than one tenth of this amount will have been contributed in cash or labor by the soldiers themselves, many of whom receive but \$21.00 a month. It is little wonder that the Rev. A. M. McDonald of St. Paul in a recent article in a religious journal of Chicago, writes of this project under the caption of "A Romance of the Northwest". The editor of this same journal, quick to grasp the significance of such a worthy patriotic project, says editorially -

"In providing for a chapel at historic Fort Snelling, the people of Minnesota have established a precedent that will go far to redeem every army post in America from its poverty in religious equipment".

It is believed that over fifty garrisons throughout the country are deficient in this respect. But since a movement was initiated in Minnesota to correct the situation, no less than six other communities near army posts already have similar plans under way to provide chapels at their nearby garrisons.

Those who have not already had a share in this worthy enterprise, may still have an opportunity of doing so, if they choose, by sending their contributions either to Mr. Sumner T. McKnight, McKnight Building, Minneapolis, or to Mr. S. M. Shepherd, 408 Capitol Bank Building, St. Paul, or to Chaplain Rideout at Fort Snelling. Mr. R. L. Griggs, Northern National Bank, Duluth, is also treasurer, and will be glad to receive contributions from citizens of Duluth and the Arrowhead Country.

This chapel located in the geographical center of the Park system of the twin

cities may fill an unique place in years to come with Sunday organ recitals and Vesper Services provided by various churches and patriotic societies which will attract large numbers of persons from near and far. It will be a shrine of patriotism and religious effort which will yield returns upon the capital investment incomparably greater than those of any material consideration. It will not be merely a monument of stark grey stone, but a living institution giving warmth and service in a corner of the Northwest which has been neglected already too long. Into its rugged masonry will be glorified for centuries the gifts of ex-service men, wounded veterans of many wars, gold star mothers, present day soldiers, and little children, as well also as the more substantial gifts of Minnesota business men, commercial institutions, patriotic organizations, and churches of all creeds.

State organizations which have had a prominent and creditable part in the raising of funds are the Women's Relief Corps, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

The most recent gift, and the largest so far, was one of \$2,000.00 recently secured through the efforts of Chaplain Hideo from the American Baptist Home Mission Society whose headquarters are in New York. The largest individual gift came from a widow lady of St. Paul in the sum of \$1400.00. The interest, sacrifice and energy put into this beautiful Minnesota Memorial so far is the strongest plea and guarantee for its early completion. In the meantime, religious services and Sunday School at the garrison are being conducted at the Post Theatre.

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Agricultural Conference of Six States Called in Saint Paul for Nov. 13-14

INVITATIONS are in the mail from the Association, supplementing earlier letters from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, asking commercial organizations of the Northwest to send delegates to a conference in Saint Paul, November 13th and 14th.

The subject of the conference is not "agricultural problems," but may be best stated as "the handling of agricultural problems."

This will be the first opportunity for agricultural leaders representing Northwest commercial organizations and the national chamber to assemble and discuss common problems at first-hand.

A Southwestern conference held in Kansas City in April and a Pacific Northwest conference held in Portland in July, proved of great importance and value and it is expected that the attendance in Saint Paul will exceed that at either Portland or Kansas City.

Delegates will come from Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Michigan. Detailed arrangements are being made by the Association's Sub-Division of Agricultural Development, cooperating with Mr. William J. Dean of Saint Paul, a director of the national Chamber of Commerce.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR "ANOKA CUT-OFF" ADVOCATED

THE Executive Committee at a special meeting held last Monday morning approved the recommendations of the Sub-Division of Streets and Highways, petitioning the Board of County Commissioners to make available for construction purposes on the Anoka Cut-off such funds as will not be used on the street widening project in the vicinity of the Union Depot.

In the opinion of Director-Chairman F. J. Anderson of the Streets and Highways Sub-Division and members of his Committee, any funds available at this time can be most efficiently used on the Anoka Cut-off project. Information presented to the Committee at its meeting held last week showed that a considerable portion of the Anoka Cut-off can be paved next year and that the use of these funds for this purpose would undoubtedly make it possible to complete the Anoka Cut-off in 1927. As stated above, the Executive Committee endorsed the position taken by the Streets and Highways Sub-Division and a special committee will discuss the situation with the Board of County Commissioners at its next meeting.

Vice-President Summerfield, who has made a very thorough study and analysis of St. Paul's arterial highway situation, states that the completion of the Anoka Cut-off at the earliest possible moment is most important and that the use of available funds for this purpose is most necessary in the interests of the entire community.

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL CAMPAIGN ENDORSED

ANNOUNCEMENT is formally made of the endorsement of the Chapel Campaign of Fort Snelling.

The Sub-Division of Charities, Subscriptions and Donations some months ago investigated and formally endorsed the project for the raising of funds in Saint Paul for the building of a chapel for the soldiers at Fort Snelling.

The plans under way propose a \$100,000 structure; to be raised in Saint Paul, Minneapolis and throughout the State.

Carl T. Schuneman of Schuneman & Evans, has accepted the chairmanship for the Saint Paul activities in the campaign and is at present perfecting an organization.

Although troops have been stationed at the Fort for nearly three-quarters of a century, no chapel has ever been erected and none can be erected by government funds. Religious services at present can only be held in a Red Cross hostess house, the arrangements in which must be shifted three or four times each Sunday for the enlisted men and officers who wish to worship there. There are also hundreds of children at the Fort who have no Sunday School facilities except those in this building.

When the occasion comes for the last services for some soldier, or a member of his family, the only place at the Fort where funeral services can be held is in this same building.

A definite announcement of the plan for raising the money to take care of this matter at the Fort will be announced by the Campaign Committee through the daily press.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDYING ART IN SAINT PAUL

AN INTERESTING experiment has been recently launched in Saint Paul—a cooperative Art School where anyone, amateur or professional, interested in drawing, painting or modelling may work several days and nights a week—with or without instruction—at a minimum cost. The studio, on the top floor of the Court Block—Fourth Street, between Wabasha and Cedar—is fitted with easels, drawing boards, and artist's materials—all free but paper, which may be purchased for a few cents.

There are life-classes without instruction on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons—twenty-five-cent-life-classes—surely an unparalleled bargain in Art!

On Friday afternoons and evenings, S. Chatwood Burton, Professor of Fine Arts at the University and etcher of national repute, directs the classes. Though technically known as life-classes, there is no hard and fast rule of procedure. Some of the students make portrait studies, others work on the figure, in clay, pencil, charcoal, pastel, water-color or oils. Some of the students are beginners, others are experienced artists. New-comers are always welcome.

A children's school under the direction of Gustav Krollmann is held every Saturday morning at the Unity Parish House—Portland and Grotto. Mr. Krollmann teaches the Cizek method of free expression. The child paints whatever he wishes—his composition is then criticized and corrected. This method is unsurpassed as a means of encouraging originality and latent talent.

Though a Board of Directors has nominal control, the School in all essentials is cooperative and depends for its support on attendance in the classes. Each week there is a gratifying increase, and the experiment shows every sign of being a success.

Information about the school—Saint Paul School of Art—is posted at Room 612 Court Block, or may be had by telephoning the Secretary, Miss Lorena Abbott, Dale 9809.

PREPARE FOR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

JUNIOR Livestock Show participants, who will be the guests of the South Saint Paul and Saint Paul markets November 10th, 11th, and 12th, will be entertained on the evening of November 11th by the Saint Paul Association under the direction of the following committee:

Messrs. A. B. Lathrop, S. S. King and W. H. Honebrink representing the Sub-Division of Agricultural Development.

Messrs. Bennett Buchman, Carl T. Schuneman and R. T. Snodgrass representing the Sub-Division of Retail Promotion.

Messrs. F. E. Turgeon and Alfred Drewry representing the Sub-Division of Conventions and Tourists.

President Briggs said, in making the public announcement, that the committee was intended to be representative of the entire Association, all of the members having taken a keen interest in previous events in connection with the Junior Livestock Show.

CURRENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

THE downtown automobile parking situation still remains a matter of discussion between Commissioner of Public Safety Clancy and several Association groups which are particularly interested in this problem. It is expected that definite recommendations will result from a recent conference held between Commissioner Clancy and members of the Retail Sub-Division.

Good progress is being made by the Membership Extension Council under the leadership of Wm. F. Davidson, Chairman, E. J. Bailey, Roy Conley, Ted Engstrom, Mike Gibbons, Harrison Johnston, Napoleon St. Marie, M. E. Studeman and Byron Webster.

Any Association member may expect to be called on at any time for a little special work on membership.

Business men interested in the development of the North-Central-Como District have announced the remodeling of the Kuhles & Stock building at Como and Mackubin into an industrial building to be devoted to the use of manufacturers requiring comparatively small units of space. The assistance of the Association's Industrial Department was given in working out plans for this building.

All Association members having vacant industrial property are invited to list same with the Industrial Department of the Association.

The Fire Prevention Committee has been in conference with representatives of the State Insurance Department and the Underwriters Association on matters pertaining to fire prevention and more particularly as regards "set" conflagrations.

A Nominating Committee is preparing its recommendations to be submitted to the All Saint Paul Council in connection with the Association's Annual Election, which is held on the second Tuesday in December.

The report of the Nominating Committee will be published in the Bulletin at least thirty days prior to the election.

The Special Hotel Committee hopes to be able to report at an early date definite progress on certain matters which have been receiving the attention of this group.

Upon the recommendation of the Convention Committee, Commissioner Ferguson will present plans for an enlargement of the Municipal Auditorium at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The Convention Committee reports that the Auditorium must have its facilities enlarged in the best interests of our convention program and the benefit resulting to the entire community therefrom.

A special committee consisting of representatives from the Agricultural, Retail and Convention Sub-Divisions is handling matters in connection with the Junior Livestock Show which will be held at South Saint Paul November 10th, 11th and 12th.

The usual dinner and entertainment program will be

given by the Saint Paul Association to the boys and girls participating in this event.

The Sub-Division of Streets and Highways has prepared an analysis of automobile traffic on the highways leading in and out of both Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Members interested in these figures can obtain a copy of same upon request.

The Traffic Committee at a meeting to be called in the very near future by Chairman E. B. Ober will consider a statement being prepared in connection with certain matters pertaining to the development of river navigation. This report will recommend to the Board the adoption of a definite policy on matters pertaining to certain river development projects which are being given consideration at the present time.

MORE FIRMS RESPOND TO SPECIAL FUND CALL

TREASURER George W. Ekstrand wishes to acknowledge the receipt of additional contributions to the 1925 Special Project Fund from the following firms:

Aderika Company.
American Hoist & Derrick Company.
Armour & Company.
Ballard Fireproof Storage & Transfer Company.
Bowlin Realty Company.
C. St. P. M. & O. Railway.
Clarkson Coal & Dock Company.
J. B. Forrest.
Hydraulic Hoist Mfg. Company.
Merrill, Greer, Chapman Company.
National Exchange Bank.
Northern Pacific Railway.
Robinson, Straus Company.
Saint Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company.
Siems-Stembel Company.
J. C. Vander Bie Company.

Additional contributions received will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin, and firms not yet replying to the letter sent out on this matter are requested to do so that a complete report may be submitted to the Board at its next meeting.

TRADE TOUR FINDS GOOD WILL

REPRESENTATIVES of seventy Saint Paul houses again found good will toward Saint Paul abounding, on their journey into Southern Minnesota on Wednesday, October 14th.

The trip was made over the Great Western, beginning at Kenyon and running down to Lyle, Minnesota, where the train was turned northward to Albert Lea where the tourists spent the evening.

Not only did the finest optimism seem to pervade the representatives of the Saint Paul jobbing and manufacturing firms participating, but this same spirit of optimism was evident in all of the cities and towns visited during the day, giving the assurance of a return to better times.

The trip into Southern Minnesota closes the Trade Tour excursions for this year. They will open again in the spring, when a journey into the west is talked of.

MEDICAL OFFICIALS COMMENT ON FAVORABLE HANDLING

THE recent convention of the Inter-State Post Graduate Assembly of America, directed by the Tri-State District Medical Association, which met in Saint Paul the week of October 12th, was the largest and most successful gathering that this organization has ever had.

The Association is in receipt of several letters from the officials of the organization, highly commendatory on the manner in which the convention was handled and the welcome extended to the 2,500 delegates in attendance.

"You are probably aware that our Saint Paul Assembly was a magnificent success and I am sure you will be pleased to know it was one of the greatest in the history of our organization." This is an opinion that comes from Dr. Edwin Henes, Secretary of the organization. He adds also "The careful and painstaking manner in which the handling of housing the visitors was taken care of is highly appreciated by all those in attendance."

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION NEXT IMPORTANT MEET

THE next most important convention to be held in Saint Paul is that of the Minnesota Education Association which convenes here beginning November 5th and continuing through the 7th.

This will be the regular annual meeting of the Association and promises to be the largest that the Association has had in recent years.

Unusual arrangements will be made by the Convention Department in anticipation of the gathering and in preparation for the facilities that will be needed in caring for those in attendance. Special entertainment and courtesy features are being devised.

However, the Convention Department is anxious that business houses of Saint Paul should extend courtesies over and above those that can be made available through the convention office. It suggests that business houses plan special features in making the teachers welcome and in making their stay in Saint Paul both profitable and instructive.

In the past, many houses have made special preparations for entertaining the visiting teachers and it is anticipated that houses will even go beyond what they have done in past years. We are called upon to entertain a no more important convention than this one at any time during the year and those in attendance should be shown every possible courtesy.

BUSY DAYS IN TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

THE Association's Traffic Department, always a busy place, is fairly humming with activity these days. The reason is that in addition to the regular routine work of helping Saint Paul shippers solve their daily transportation problems, we are in the midst of the most important and far reaching upheavals in our freight rate structure that have ever confronted the market.

The Saint Paul Association performs no more important function than that of protecting the interests of the market as a whole and those of individual ship-

pers in rate adjustments. Its experts are constantly watching every rate change proposed or made in all parts of the country to determine its effects on our shippers. All complaints filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission are also examined and whenever Saint Paul interests are involved or may be affected as a result, our Traffic Department files a petition of intervention and participates in the proceedings.

Some of the major cases now in litigation before the Commission in which our Traffic Department is active are the application of Western Railroads for a General Increase in Rates, Ex Parte 87; Rate Structure Investigation I. C. C. No. 17000 resulting from the Hoch-Smith Resolution; Eastern Class Rate Investigation, I. C. C. No. 15879, involving our class rates from the entire eastern territory; complaints filed by the Missouri River cities, the states of South and North Dakota, complaining that all rates from the East discriminate against them and in favor of the Twin Cities; general revision of class rates in W. T. L. territory resulting from the Commission's decisions in the Indiana, Fargo and Watertown cases.

Mention should also be made of the determined fight Saint Paul is making to secure adequate bus service. This activity is also centered in the Traffic Department and its successful prosecution is most essential to Saint Paul's future.

WCCO GETS WISCONSIN PRAISE

THAT the broadcasting arrangement now enjoyed by Saint Paul and Minneapolis is receiving the enthusiasm of hosts of subscribers, is indicated in the excerpt received from Port Wing, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, wherein Mr. Erick Johnson of that city says, "I have been speculating during the week when digging spuds between ball games if there is another station in the land that is serving as large a population with dependable daylight reception as WCCO. As you know, Wisconsin has no station worth mentioning and they tell me that even around Madison WCCO gives better service than the Chicago stations. Not only set-owners in those four or five states within hearing distance of you, but the whole population owes you thanks and indirect support because listeners are called upon to relay the information over telephone to others."

This is only one of hundreds of letters which are being received by the station indicating the service that the two cities are rendering through their broadcasting medium.

NEW BOOKS ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

THE following books have been added to the business department of the Public Library:

The Agricultural Situation. Warren. 1924.

Gives a general and constructive analysis of the causes, extent and possible duration of the agricultural depression.

Tax Burdens and Public Expenditures. National Industrial Conference Board. 1924.

Shows the burden which the fiscal situation imposes on every citizen and how much of the national income is consumed by taxes and public expenditures.

Please check this list and present it at the Library with your Library card.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION CONCERNING
ARMY CHAPELS

WHEREAS many of our leading United States Army Garrisons are very inadequately equipped with Chapels and other facilities for religious, social, patriotic and community service of an uplifting nature, and

WHEREAS some of these garrisons constitute separate and distinct communities or are far removed from the great centers of population, making it all the more difficult to bring wholesome influences to men in uniform, and

WHEREAS many Army Chaplains are obliged to conduct religious and semi-religious services in barracks, theatres and dance halls under circumstances which would be considered disgraceful in even the smallest communities of the land, and

WHEREAS patriotic and public spirited citizens of the state of Minnesota have during the past three years demonstrated what can be done in this direction by providing a beautiful Memorial Chapel & Community Center for the soldiers of Fort Snelling,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution place itself on record as favoring and fostering such a policy by our government or such an attitude upon the part of American citizens as will expedite the most effective and successful plans for accomplishing the desired result of providing a Chapel at every Army Post at the earliest possible date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the judgement of this organization patriotic citizens of America should not wait for the government to work out a policy for the construction of pan-sectarian Chapels at Army Posts, but should follow the moral leadership of Minnesota in this respect and initiate plans in every state where Army Posts are located to remedy this condition. If, in the meantime, government assistance can be secured so much the better.

This resolution is adopted in order that this important matter may be brought to the attention of American citizens and to crystalize the conviction that while American money is being poured out in abundance for the conversion of non-christian peoples, in many instances we are indifferent concerning the problem of properly safeguarding and conserving the moral and spiritual interests of our American youth.

The above is suggested as a possible form of resolution to be presented to accomplish the desired end. The proposition is still under consideration by the writer, who after further study may desire to revise it somewhat. I would appreciate hearing from you a few weeks before it comes before your convention.

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

Levi Longfellow, Minnesota pioneer and patriot, who died about a year ago, will be memorialized in the New Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel. His daughters, the Misses Beatrice and Grace Longfellow of 3209 Oliver Avenue S., Minneapolis, have ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ notified the officials of the Chapel Association of their willingness to place the Altar and Reredos in the chancel of the beautiful new Chapel to the memory of their father, who at the outbreak of the Civil War walked from Brooklyn Center to Fort Snelling, a distance of 16 miles, to enlist, making the return journey ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the same day to spend the night with his parents.

In view of the long and illustrious career of Mr. Longfellow, and particularly in view of his service to state and country in time of great emergency, the officials of the Chapel Association deem this a most appropriate memorial as well as a noble tribute to a distinguished citizen. It is ~~well~~ believed that as the years pass ^{by} the new Memorial Chapel and Community Center now nearing completion will become more and more a shrine of patriotism as well as a house of religious worship, in which the citizens of the state as well as the residents of the historic garrison will have a sense of profound pride. The citizens of Minnesota, in making this Chapel possible, have taken the place of moral leadership and set a very worthy example for other states where army posts are located, and where there exists the same lack of equipment for religious, patriotic and social work among the soldiers of our army. No less than half a dozen similar movements have already ^{been} initiated to place Chapels at other army posts.

The wood carving for the Altar, Reredos, Pulpit and Lectern of the Chapel, the two latter being memorial gifts of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, and other ~~XXXXX~~ chancel furnishings, will be

executed by Aloin Lang, nephew of MM Anton Lang who plays the part of the Christ in the celebrated Passion Play of Oberamergau, Germany, who learned his trade in the workshops of the world-renowned village, which has been visited by thousands of American tourists.

Less than Five Thousand Dollars will complete the new Chapel and provide the remainder of the furnishings. Orders cannot be placed for the entire equipment until all necessary funds are provided or pledged. It is the hope of the Chapel Association officials that there will not be much delay in this, inasmuch as it is now being planned to hold the dedicatory services in the month of May or June. It will take about two and a half months to complete the work on the interior furnishings after the orders have been placed. Many of the Sunday Schools of the Twin Cities have recently contributed towards a fund for the entire furnishings of the departmental Sunday School rooms of the Chapel.

HEADQUARTERS
HAMILTON FISH CAMP NO. 7
DEPT. OF MINNESOTA, U. S. W. V.

Camp Order No. 4
Series 1949

Fort Snelling, April 1, 1949

Americanism

"Americanism is an unfailing love of Country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

1. Regular meetings of the Camp will be held at the Post Chapel, just across from the Historic Round Tower, on the first and third Tuesday of the month, the 5th and 19th. Meetings are called to order promptly at eight p. m., and continue until the business of the session has been completed. We then have a half hour of visitation with the friends and comrades present. Upon adjournment, we have refreshments served by the ladies on one of the meetings of each month.
2. It is gratifying indeed to see the Fort Snelling reservation go back to the custody of our good friend, Comrade Carl Gray, for we are certain that we will no longer be pestered by the Council of Churches. We would not object to the payment of one dollar for the meetings, although we do all of our own janitor work, but considering the fact that we took such a major part in the building of what amounts to the Temple to us, we feel that our liberty has been infringed upon.
3. It seems odd to us that our Department should be in financial difficulties and talk about a tag day. First of all your Adjutant wants to say that he represented the city of St. Paul when the Community Chest was organized in St. Paul and was on its Board of Directors for years, and one of the things we always opposed was the Tag Day outside of the Veteran groups who did it for charitable purposes. That is why we object to the Department doing so in the Twin Cities or elsewhere.
4. At our last meeting we voted down this proposition and in lieu thereof, we are seeking your co-operation in a fifty-cent assesment for the current period.
5. Mayor Delancy has proclaimed April 21st as Health Day, which will be observed with a program at the Auditorium.
6. Comrade Harry H. Eastman passed away during the past month and was laid away at the National Cemetery with full military Honors. Harry was a fine, loyal Comrade. He was a member of Landmark Lodge A.F. & A.M. of St. Paul and a fine Christian gentleman. His passing was a serious loss to Camp No. 7. Expressions of sympathy have been forwarded to the family.

attest

Hugo V. Koch,
Adjutant

By order of
Stewart R. Nixon,
Commander

HOW IT ALL BEGAN
OR
"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

This is not a sermon, but a modern illustration of an ancient truth. Many romantic events connected with the history of Minnesota center about the old Army Post, Fort Snelling. It was there, for example, that the first white child born in this territory saw the light of day. She happened to be the daughter of the Commandant, Colonel Josiah Snelling. Her name was Elizabeth Snelling. She lived only a few months, and to-day her remains are in the old Post Cemetery, where the children of the garrison, a few years ago, erected a little monument to her memory.

One hundred years after that event, a group of army children were gathered in an old wooden frame building, an abandoned schoolhouse, under the leadership of the then Post Chaplain Frank C. Rideout. They were studying for their lesson that day the ancient Bible story of Abraham building an altar in the wilderness for the worship of Almighty God. Then they asked their teacher: "Why can't we have a decent place in which to worship also?" To put their idea to practical effect, they drafted a set of resolutions and a letter, after much cogitation over the proper words to use, and sent it to the Commandant of the Fort, requesting that he undertake to erect for them a suitable house of worship, in which they might learn to worship and pray.

Those resolutions were as follows:

1. At the regular session of the Fort Snelling Sunday School held in the old schoolhouse this first Sunday of the New year, we studied for our Bible Lesson the story of Abraham, the father of the faithful, building an altar for the worship of God in the chosen land of Israel.

2. This reminds us of the fact that we in this Post are without a suitable place for the worship of the Almighty, and, in the name of the 1500 soldiers stationed here, and the 150 children of the garrison, we do hereby express our most earnest prayer that a House of Worship may be soon provided for. A resolution to this effect was adopted by the Sunday School this date.

3. We respectfully request that the Commanding Officer seek the assistance of the War Department, and of such civilian organizations and agencies, as will, as soon as possible, provide this Post with a Chapel.

Out of those childish resolutions came the movement to erect a Chapel at Fort Snelling. Rapidly the idea spread and developed into a well-organized effort. Plans were made for a moderate sized Chapel, and not too costly. Then they were changed, enlarged upon, until a building and equipment was evolved that cost well over one hundred thousand dollars. This building was dedicated June 10, 1928.

On June 5, 1938, the garrison will celebrate this significant event with a "Visitors Day" at the Post. Anniversary services will be held at the Catholic Mass at nine o'clock, and in the Protestant Service at 10:30 A.M. Archbishop Murray of the Diocese of St. Paul will preach at the Catholic Mass and Chaplain Cornelius J. Normoyle will say the Mass. In the afternoon there will be a large open air meeting at three o'clock, preceded by a Band Concert by the Third U.S. Infantry Band, at 2:30 P.M. At the afternoon service individuals and organizations who were instrumental in building the Chapel and establishing permanent memorials there will be recognized, and the present Commandant, Brigadier General Campbell B. Hodges, will thank the people of Minnesota for this fine gift to the moral and spiritual welfare of the garrison. The afternoon will be conducted with a parade of all of the Troops on the Parade grounds.

THE FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL

By Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S. Army

The architect's design for the Fort Snelling Chapel is the result of a competition in which twenty two of the leading architects

veterans and little children, as well as the more substantial amounts given by prominent business men, civic groups, ~~the~~ patriotic organizations and churches. The chapel will indeed be a memorial, distinctive ly Minnesotan, and of which Minnesota citizens may well be justly proud. Fort Snelling is now considered a part of the beautiful park system of the Twin Cities, and of the state, and is one of the first places sought out by tourists from every corner of the continent when in these parts.

The cost of the chapel will be approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), the bulk of which has been secured ~~through public and private subscriptions, from citizens of the state, from patriots, civic, commercial and church organizations.~~ The romantic and patriotic appeal of the project has been well-nigh irresistible, since the early beginnings of civilization in the great Northwest country had its inception, its impetus and its protection at the garrison established over a hundred years ago in response to the birth pangs of an expanding nation. No record of the project would be complete, however, without mention of the part played by the officers and soldiers of the garrison themselves. The movement had its ~~inception~~ in the demand of the soldiers for a dignified and decent place in which to worship the Almighty. They themselves four years ago sponsored the first money-raising event to secure funds with which to start a chapel; and twice since that event they have met the challenge for needed funds and have given from their meagre stipend with ready and cheerful generosity, thus setting an example for others and proving the sincerity of their desire for a proper place of worship. The entire excavation for the foundation was done by soldier labor, thus saving about Five Thousand Dollars of the monies raised for later use.

Already a number of fitting memorials have been provided for as furnishings for the new chapel. Some are as follows:

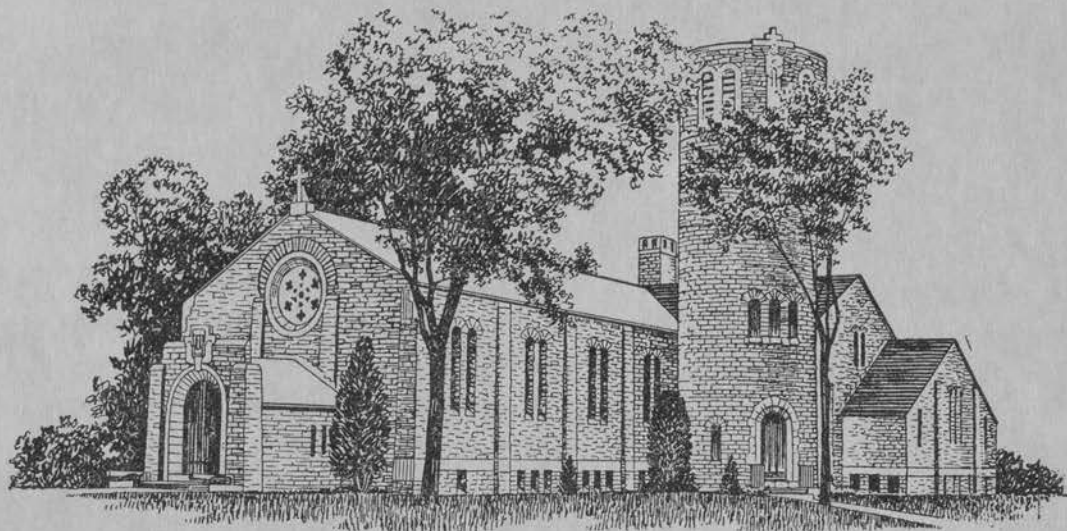
1. A pulpit of colonial design with ~~life size~~ ^{large} engraving of a ~~Minute Man Revolutionary Soldier~~, by the Minnesota Society, Sons of the American Revolution.
2. A ~~recturn~~ ^{lectern} of spread eagle design made in bronze to harmonize with altar surroundings, by the Captain Holmes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Minneapolis.
3. ~~A Bible, by the same organization.~~ ^{and a large Bible}
3. A Communion Table of wood ~~and~~ ^{ed} design to match other altar furnishings by the General Krapp Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Minneapolis.
4. An American Flag, silk, with Staff and Standard, by the Fanny Padgham Circle of the Order of the Eastern Star, Minneapolis.

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6. Baptismal Font, Marble, in memory of Elizabeth R. Snelling, the first white child born in State of Minnesota, by the Erren Monument Co. ~~St. Paul.~~ *Company of St. Paul.*

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7. Tablet, ~~Station~~ *Italian* Marble, Memorial for the Rev. Father Ezekiel G. Gear, first Army Chaplain appointed to the Minnesota Garrison who spent over 20 years at Fort Snelling, 1839-1860. This memorial to be chosen, designed and lettered under the personal supervision of the donor Charles Mason Remy, Washington D. C.

Other memorial gifts totaling several thousand dollars in all have also been proposed, and doubtless before long will become a reality. These will provide for tower chimes, complete furnishing for the Sunday School rooms, and memorials to be established by the Minnesota Woman's Relief Corps and by the friends of members of the first church established at Fort Snelling in 1837. All this is a fine illustration of the real patriotism and of the high moral earnestness of the people of this state. Indeed the state of Minnesota has set a most worthy example in this respect for other states which have Army Garrisons within their borders not yet provided with places of divine worship. It has not been the policy of the federal government to build chapels on Army Posts, and when chapels are so constructed stipulation is made that such buildings must be pan-sectarian in character and open for the use of all sects and creeds alike.

but
There can be no doubt that this effort to secure a house of worship for Fort Snelling represents the noblest aspirations of the human heart. The Campaign for funds and the insistence of the soldiers for a place of worship and the other decencies of life, has exalted the life of the garrison and made many new friends for the Army by placing it in a nobler light. A recent advertisement distributed throughout the post by one of the largest commercial establishments of the Northwest said "We are proud and grateful that we have been allowed to serve and to contribute towards the splendid success of Fort Snelling and its many worthy activities. May its new Chapel, polo Team and other undertakings continue to represent the finest in thought and in deed at all times." This is but one illustration of the kindliness of thought towards the fine old garrison of the Northwest. It is safe to say that any undertaking which brings men and women of various creeds, of different social status and training, and of divergent religious convictions together in a common task and in a united effort, as this enterprise has done, also draws them closed to the great and fundamental realities of life, and, without doubt, nearer to the great God and Father of us all.



Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

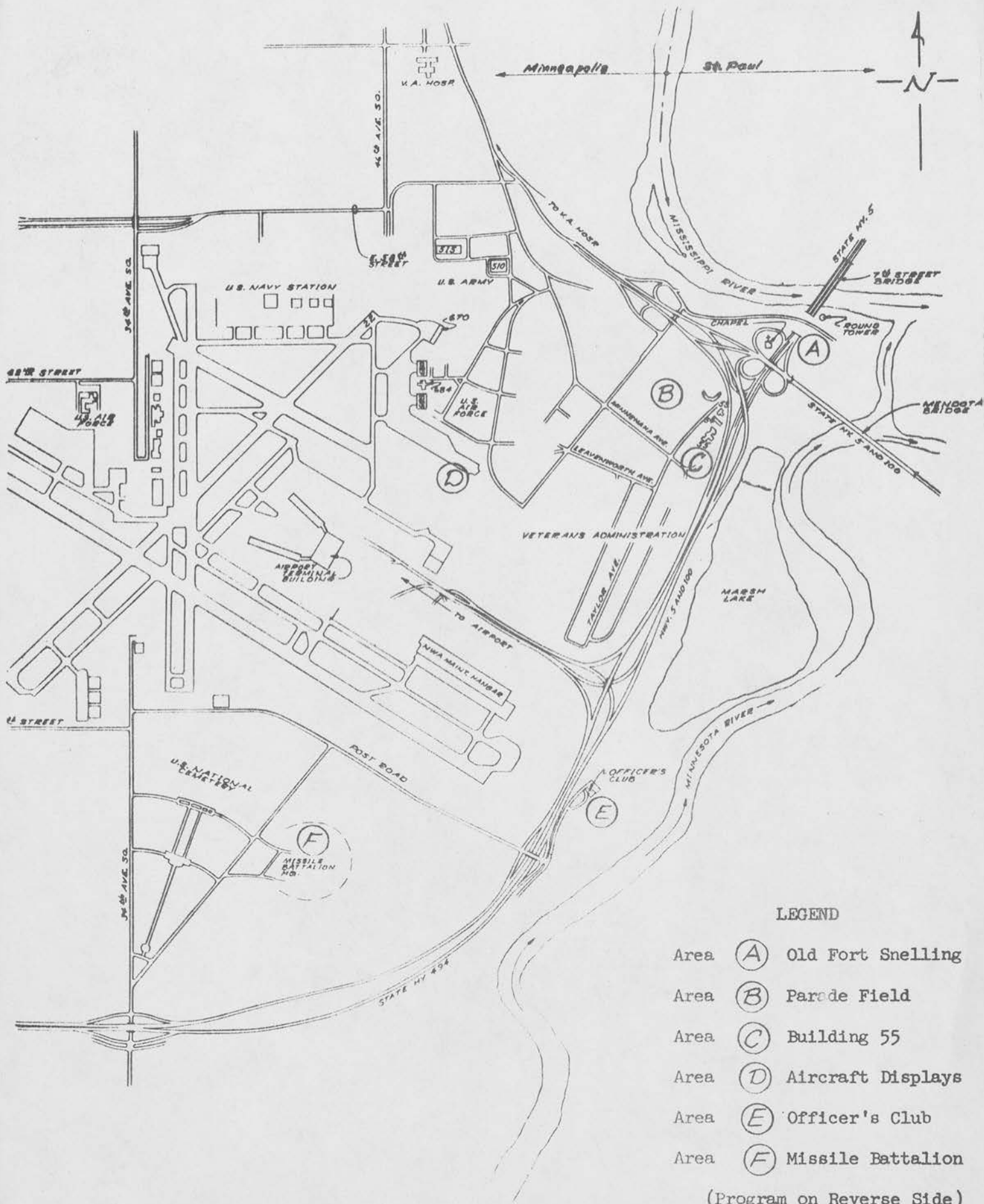
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

JACOB HENRY STEWART MEMORIAL WINDOW Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

Placed in Chapel by his daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Wheaton, 1777 Princeton Ave., St. Paul, Minn., as a memorial to her father, Dr. Jacob Henry Stewart, who served as Regimental Surgeon of the 1st Minnesota Infantry, U.S. Volunteer, in the Civil War.

The following is a description of the artist's drawing for the window:

"The themes of this window are, in the first panel - St. Luke, the physician, in medallion below, surgeons caring for the wounded, and in the upper medallion, St. Luke writing the Gospel. Center panel - the Virgin with the Christ Child. The Virgin here represents the mother's share in giving and helping in the great cause, and the Christ Child to center all activities. In Medallion below are two nurses assisting a wounded soldier. The top medallion is symbolic of victory over every material struggle by absolute dependence on Divine Guidance - the soldiers carrying the ark and sounding the trumpets around the walls of Jericho. The third panel is represented by Jesus Christ and His teachings and acts and examples (prescriptions), left for us. In lower medallion, the great Metaphysician went beyond healing the sick - He raised the dead, and in the top, Christ's first reading in the Temple - Isaiah's prophecy."



PROPERTY OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARNOLD E
KAHNERT COMPANY "B" 3rd INF, BLDG BUILT IN 1889, No. 103 B. ASN
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Ceremonial for Turning of the First Sod for
the Erection of the Fort Snelling Memorial
Chapel and Community Center.



Fort Snelling, Minnesota, - - Sunday, September 5, 1926
at 3:00 P. M.

Arnold E. Kahnert
Age 58 - 1964

PROGRAM

Colonel W. E. Welsh, President of Chapel Association, Presiding



OPENING BAND CONCERT.....3rd Infantry Band

DOXOLOGYCongregation

INVOCATION PRAYER.....By the Rev. John T. Bergen, D. D.
Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis.
This church is the lineal descendant of the first church
in the Northwest. Organized at Fort Snelling in 1835.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.....Colonel Welsh, Commanding Officer

"THE RAISING OF THE FUNDS".....Mr. Don Despain, Saint Paul

"DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING"....Mr. Walter Wheeler, Minneapolis
Chairman of Building Committee

ADDRESS.....The Honorable W. I. Nolan
Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota

THE TURNING OF THE SOD.....By Representatives of Organizations
listed on following page.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF GROUNDS.....
Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, U. S. Army

(It is requested that all clergymen in the congregation assemble
at the speakers' platform for this prayer.)

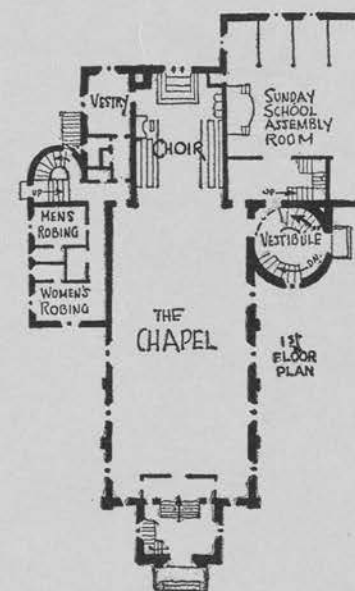
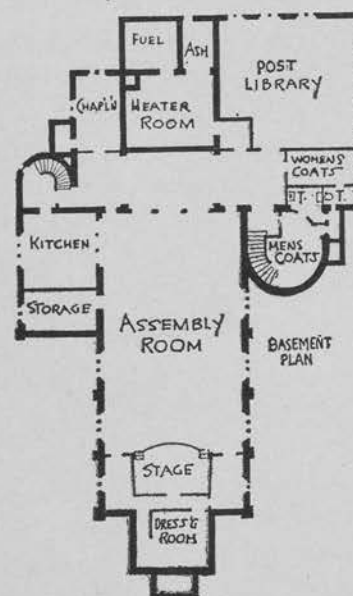
"AMERICA"3rd Infantry Band

THE BENEDICTIONRev. Irvin E. Deer, D. D.
Executive Secretary Council of Churches, Minneapolis.

TURNING THE SOD AT CEREMONIAL

The U. S. Army, Officer Personnel.....Brigadier General A. W. Bjornstad
The U. S. Army, Enlisted Personnel.....Staff Sergeant Cadwalder Jones
The Council of Churches, Minneapolis.....Mr. A. F. Benson, President
The Council of Churches, St. Paul.....Rev. J. W. Bean, D. D., President
Clubs and Social Organizations, Minneapolis.....Mr. Gaylord Warner
Clubs and Social Organizations, St. Paul.....Mr. Harry W. Mann
Sons of the American Revolution.....Mr. Walter H. Wheeler, President
Daughters of the American Revolution.....Mrs. Wesley Jameson, President
Minnesota Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R.....Mrs. Ida K. Martin, Minneapolis
The American Legion of Minnesota.....Mr. Edwin Lindell, State Secretary
The American Legion Auxiliary.....Mrs. W. D. Vilars, State Representative
The Spanish-American War Veterans.....Mr. Hugo Koch
The Jewish Welfare Board.....Rabbi C. David Matt, Minneapolis
Allied Women's Clubs.....Mrs. A. P. Keam, Saint Paul
The Fort Snelling ChildrenBarbara Welsh

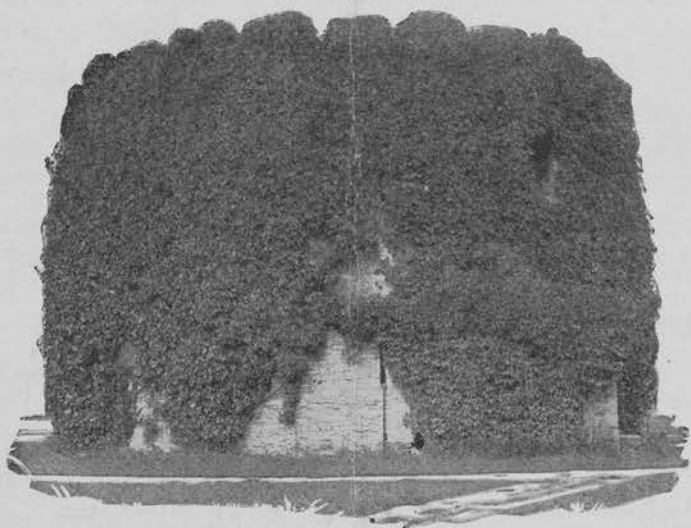
All other organizations will be represented by a Disabled Veteran
of the World War.



Plans shown here are the result of a contest among the architects of the state. They disclose a substantial structure of quiet beauty which will provide equally well for worship of Protestant, Catholic and Jew. It will likewise provide club rooms, post library and a community center. Its cost with equipment will be \$100,000.

Property of
Capt Arnold E Kahner Company "B" 3rd US
Infantry, Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Age 20. Born 1-7-1906
Born 7 January 1906, ASN 6767799-1 (unmarried).
Home: Parents 37 E Morton St, Saint Paul, Minnesota

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THE ROUND TOWER

Built in 1822

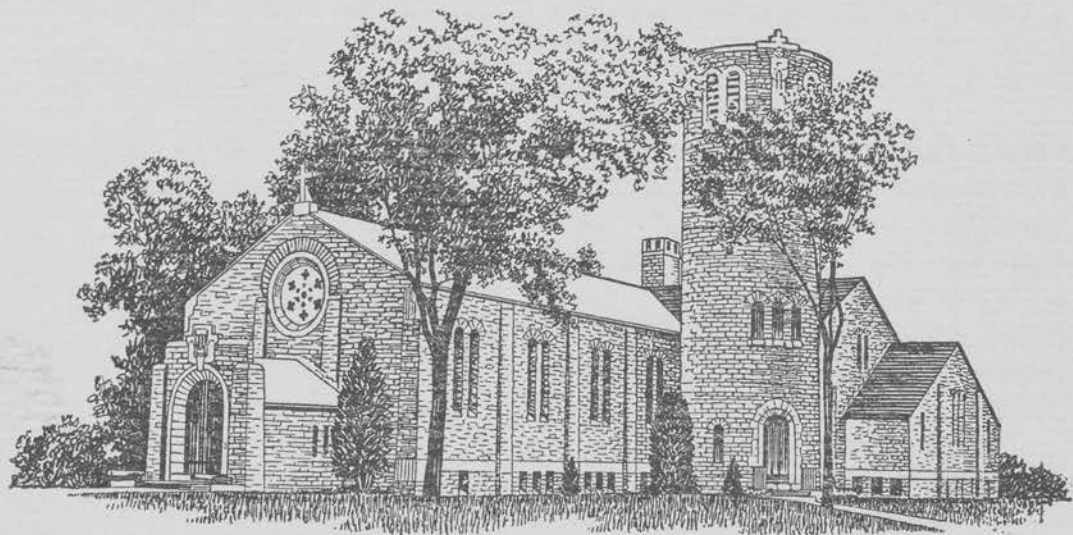
Minnesota's Oldest and Most Picturesque Landmark

MEMORIAL CHAPEL, FORT SNELLING
MINNESOTA

VISITORS' DAY

Centennial and Decennial Services

Sunday, June 5th, 1938



BRIGADIER GENERAL CAMPBELL B. HODGES, *Commanding Fort Snelling*
COLONEL MARTIN C. SHALLENBERGER, *Commanding Third Infantry*
LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALBERT L. EVANS, *Chaplain*



"The Righteous shall be in Everlasting Remembrance." PSALM 112:6.

Centennial Services

Catholic Mass

A T 9:00 A. M.

CHAPLAIN CORNELIUS J. NORMOYLE, *Celebrant*
His Eminence, ARCHBISHOP JOHN GREGORY MURRAY
of the Diocese of St. Paul, will preach

Protestant Worship

A T 10:30 A. M.

CHAPLAIN ALBERT L. EVANS, assisted by CHAPLAIN JAMES S. LOMBARD,
and CHAPLAIN ROBERT M. KELLERMAN

*Commemorating one hundred years of religious services at Fort Snelling,
with the arrival of Chaplain Ezekiel G. Gear at this Post in 1838, as its
first army chaplain*

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Nocturne" - - - - - Chopin

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, No. 1: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE ADORING INVOCATION: (People bowing or kneeling.)

RESPONSE BY THE CHOIR

Chaplain: Draw nigh to us, O God, as we draw nigh to Thee.

People: Thou art our refuge and our strength forever.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Chaplain: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of them all.

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE BY THE CHOIR

ANTHEM: "A Song of Praise" - - - - - Wilson

RESPONSIVE READING, Sel. 5: "The Privilege of Worship"—
Chaplain Lombard

GLORIA PATRI—No. 251

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE (Selected)—Chaplain Kellerman

THE PASTORAL PRAYER: (The people bowing or kneeling)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

CHORAL RESPONSE—By the Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

ANTHEM: "Heart Divine" (Choir) - - - - - Dvorak

THE SERMON—By the Right Reverend Stephen E. Keeler, Bishop
Coadjutor of the Diocese of Minnesota

CLOSING PRAYERS

THE BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 132—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Marche Romaine" - - - - - Gounod

Ushers

Lt. Col. E. L. Brackney, M.C.

Major J. G. Fuller, V.C.

Master Sgt. Cadwallader Jones, 3rd Inf.

Warrant Officer Joseph Burns

1st Sgt. Andrew M. Boyke, 3rd Inf.

A register will be available for signature by visitors in the front vestibule throughout the day

Concert, Third Infantry Band

2:30 P. M.

WARRANT OFFICER OLAF M. LORD, *Bandleader*

1. THE MARCH—"The Rifle Regiment"

(Composed and dedicated to the officers and men of the 3rd U. S. Infantry by the late
Lieut. Commander John Philip Sousa, U. S. N.)

2. OVERTURE—"The Bridal Rose" - - - - - C. Lavallo

3. PARAPHRASE—"The Church in the Wildwood" - Dr. Wm. S. Pitts

4. MARCH—"Stepping Along" - - - - - Edwin Franco Goldman

5. SELECTION—"Adoration" - - - - - Felix Borowski

6. MARCH—"Our Glorious Emblem" - - - - - Joseph De Luca

Tenth Anniversary Service

3:00 P. M.

CHAPLAIN ALBERT L. EVANS (Lt. Col.) *Presiding*

THE CHAPEL CHIMES

SELECTION—"Dear Land of Home," by the East Side American Legion
Auxiliary Glee Club of St. Paul

THE INVOCATION—Rev. J. T. Bergen, D.D., Captain, Chaplain, Auxiliary
Reserve

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REMARKS—By the Rev. Nils M. Ylvisaker, D.D., Captain, Chaplain-Reserve,
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SELECTION by the Glee Club—"Dawn"

The Gratitude of the Army

REMARKS by Major General Stanley H. Ford, U. S. A., Commanding the
Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebraska

REMARKS by Brigadier General Campbell B. Hodges, U. S. A., Command-
ing Fort Snelling

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION by Rev. L. R. S. Ferguson, Lt. Col., Senior
Chaplain, 34th Division

SELECTION by the Glee Club—"Recessional"

THE BENEDICTION by Chaplain C. J. Normoyle

THE CHAPEL CHIMES

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GARRISON PARADE AND REVIEW on the Polo Field at 4:30 P. M.

POLO GAME—Fort Sheridan vs. Fort Snelling at 5:15 P. M.

HEADQUARTERS ¹²

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

16 May 1933

Action Slip

To Chaplain Brasted

I have you kind invitation
to attend the Anniversary Service
in the Memorial Chapel
on June 11.

I am due to go to Fort
Leavenworth on June 6 and
do not know how long I will
be away. However, if I am
in the post I will be very
glad to attend and say a
few words. (If I am not
here I want to convey to

Adjutant

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Fort Snelling, Minnesota

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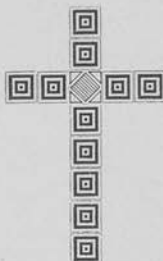
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To.....

The people who contributed to build the chapel. Our continued appreciation of their wonderful gift. Since I have been here the Chapel ^{meetings} has played a prominent part in the life of the post and have added vastly to our contentment and spiritual life. ^{the Chapel} It has been used to a greater extent than any I have ever seen at other army posts, and is a distinct asset.

John Hughes.

Adjutant



Citizens' Military Training Camp

Fort Douglas, Utah

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1923

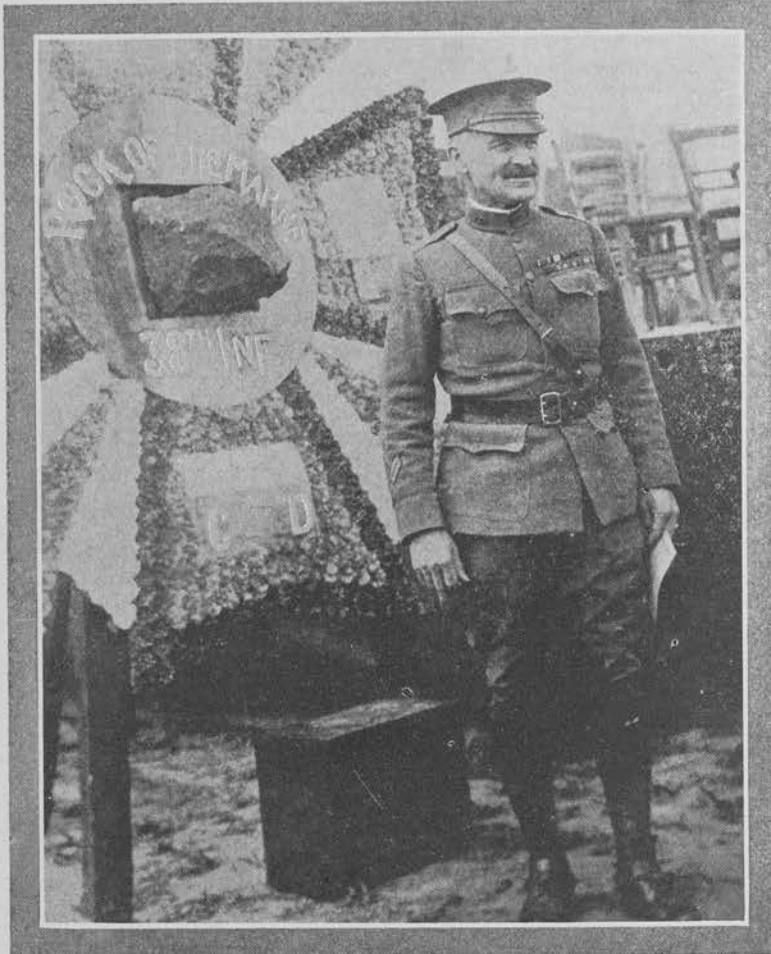
9 O'clock

COLONEL F. L. KNUDSEN

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GENERAL U. G. McALEXANDER
COMMANDING OFFICER, FORT DOUGLAS

Who won the title "Rock of the Marne," July 15, 1918

"When all men have arrived at the splendid manhood of President Harding, wars will have ceased and justice will rule the world."

—BRIGADIER GEN. U. G. McALEXANDER.

Order of Worship



Prelude.....C. M. T. C. Orchestra

Doxology.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Invocation.....Chaplain Franklin C. Smith

Hymn.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible, swift sword!
His truth is marching on.

Chorus:

Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that tranfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Responsive Reading.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change, and though the mountains be moved in the heart of the seas.

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Order of Worship

The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;

He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayer.

Scripture Reading.

Special Music.....C. M. T. C. Orchestra

SermonBishop Arthur Moulton

Hymn.

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| 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all. | 2 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all. |
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- 3 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Benediction.....Chaplain James L. Blakeney

IF THERE IS ONE DROP OF
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throat and a tear in your eye. Your heart
will beat fast and you'll rouse to—

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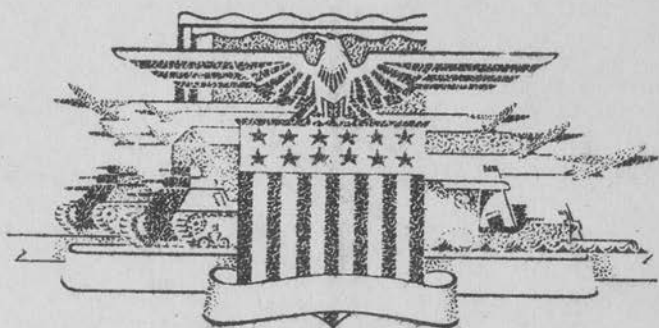


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POST CHAPEL
4:00 P.M.

Fort Snelling, Minnesota
Colonel Harry J. Keeley

September 24, 1944
Commanding

THE SERVICE

Preludes:

"Air"

Theme from "Finlandia"

"O Rest in the Lord"

Giordani

Sibelius

Mendelssohn

The Invocation

The Kyrie

Psalm 130

Antiphon

The Scripture 23rd Psalm; Revelation 7:9-17

Prayer

Expression of Sympathy

Colonel Keeley

Vocal solo "Forever with the Lord"

Sullivan

Meditations

Chaplain Foltz

Nunc Dimittis

Prayer Responses

Benediction

Taps

Postludes:

"Largo"

Tower chimes

Handel

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Cpl. Julius L. Krause

Sgt. Graham H. Gower

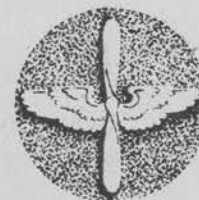
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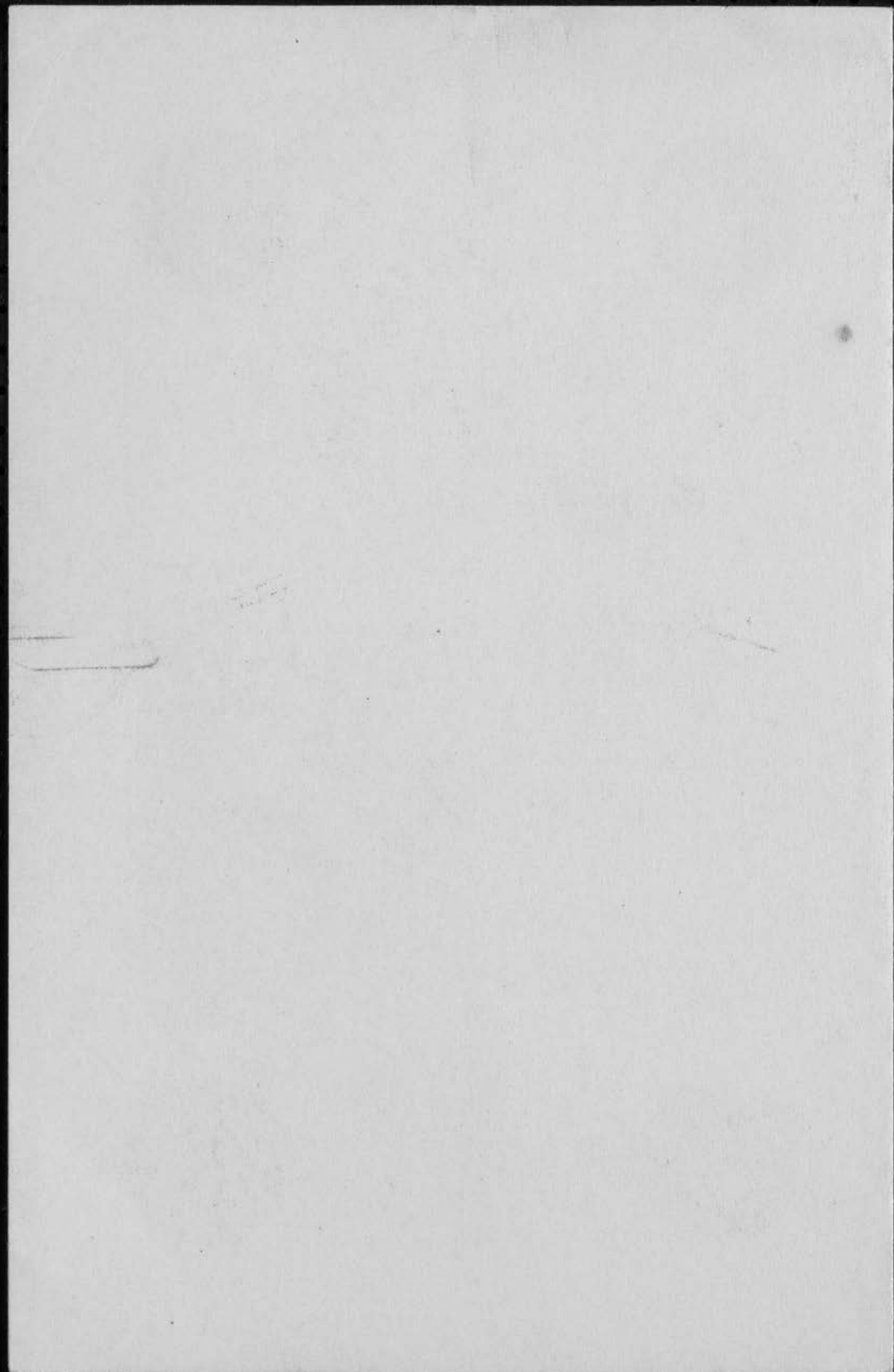
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The Youth They Gave —

"For the youth they gave
and the blood they gave
We must render back the due;
For every marked or nameless grave
We must pay with a service true;
Till the scales stand straight
with even weight,
And the world is a world made new."





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ALBERT L. EVANS, Chaplain

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1959 to 1965

By Frank C. Rideout

To-day 11/18/1964.

Chaplain, U. S. A.

Extract from an Address to the Booster Club, Minneapolis,
Minn., January 21, 1925.

The United States of America as a nation owes a very considerable debt of gratitude, appreciation and loyalty to the Regular Army. Indeed, this institution, created by the regular processes of law, has abundantly justified its existence through all the changing years of our national life.

One has but to recall the pioneer days of the nation's history to be reminded of the arduous labors, the genuine sacrifices and the countless deeds of heroism upon the part of those who have made the profession of arms their contribution to the nation's well being—giving life and sacrificial service when called upon to do so.

"There's not to make reply,

There's not to ask the reason why,

Their's but to do or die!"—

This has been the lot and the history of the Regular Army of the United States through all the years since 1776. They invariably have been ready when the call of duty sounded.

In those days of stress and storm, when danger has been imminent, when threatening clouds have gathered upon the horizon, the proudest and the most honorable thing that any real, red-blooded, able-bodied, he-American citizen could do, has been to don the livery of the government, the uniform of the soldier. For the soldier's uniform has always been, in times of strife, the noblest symbol of sacrificial service, as well as the undisputed badge of honorable distinction.

The soldier of yesteryear deserves the whole-hearted respect and the grateful appreciation of our nation's citizenry. When we recall the fact that in the early years of our nation's existence the soldiers of our Regular Army acted as surveyors of unexplored territory, built roads, bridges and railroads, established lines of communication, opened up navigable rivers, acted as sentries year after year in lonely outposts of our pioneer civilization, all for the safety and the protection of infant colonies and trading posts; when we remember that both officers and enlisted men hazarded their lives day after day in defending the early pioneers from the ravages of the blood-thirsty red men; when we remember that these same redoubtable scions of thrilling adventure penetrated farther and farther out across the prairies, over the mountain ranges into the primeval forests, ever acting as the advance guard of the famous "Covered Wagon"; when we remember all this, we shall do well to pause in reverence in the midst of our hum-drum day of affairs, to hallow the memory of such men as served their country and yours in those far off nearly forgotten days.

1964
Arnold E. Kahnert
5621-26th Ave So,
Mpls 17-Minnesota

The peace time achievements of our Regular Army is a thrilling story to the man who is so minded as to be fair, unbiased, and willing to face the facts. The contribution of Regular troops to the nation's equilibrium, safety and satisfaction is not inconsiderable, even in these more recent days.

The part played by Regulars in Chicago in the days of the transportation strike; in San Francisco during those awful days following the earthquake; in Galveston, Texas, during the flood; in Panama, after the French government had utterly failed; in the Texas City swamps; in West Virginia, and in Gary, Indiana, during great industrial upheavals; those eventualities have amply justified the existence of the Army, if there can be any justification for the safeguarding of the civil, the personal, the industrial rights of a people under any pretext whatsoever at any time.

Moreover, we shall do well to acquaint ourselves with the fact that right now, in addition to duties of a purely military character, large sections of our troops are carrying forward the processes of our American civilization in Cuba, in Panama, in the Philippine Islands, and at many lonely stations along the Mexican border, at great personal sacrifice, and, in many instances, under conditions of great inconvenience.

The Citizens' Military Training Camps and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Camps, such as are held at Fort Snelling and other convenient places throughout the country every summer, are without question one of our nation's greatest assets, contributing more to our country as a return for the money spent perhaps than any other institution in existence, when values of morality, virile physical manhood and character are concerned. Such lessons of patriotism, virile manhood, discipline, respect for and obedience to law, and rugged honor as our Army Officers are able to inculcate within the hearts of the young men who attend these summer camps, is of untold value to the nation as a whole. And I am very proud to bear testimony to the fact that our splendid, efficient Army Officers are for the most part true to the trust that has been reposed in them by the nation, and are doing all in their power to inspire the men under them to a higher patriotism, and to useful, honorable, productive living. In fact, both officers and enlisted men are especially selected by the military authorities for work of this kind because of their character qualifications and aptitude for the work, and engage themselves in enterprises which in all the years to come will reflect due credit upon our country as a whole. And we cannot fail to see that the spirit of heroism, romance and service for one's country is not yet altogether dead.

Now I have said all this, fellow citizens,—in order that I might lead up to and lay upon your hearts and consciences the burden and the challenge of a duty which, it seems to me, lies closer to your door. For, in like manner, even as the nation as a whole owes a certain dignified respect to the Regular Army, so also the Commonwealth of Minnesota, and particularly the Twin Cities, owes something of grateful appreciation and loyalty to the garrison of Fort Snelling which lies contiguous to

these great cities now pulsating with the life and industry of a nation's very heart.

Gentlemen, it has not always been so. A hundred years ago, and for a quarter of a century thereafter, the great interest of this entire territory centered out in Fort Snelling. Soldiers were stationed at the junction of the Mississippi and the St. Peter's Rivers in order to protect the scattered farmers, the lonely trading posts, and the infant industries of a territory quite unknown as yet to the rest of our American nation.

What loneliness, what privations, what hardships were endured by the soldiers of Colonel Henry Leavenworth, and Colonel Josiah Snelling and others will never be fully known. We are all together too prone to forget the sacrifices of the past in the mad rush of present endeavors. Suffice it to say that the history of Fort Snelling records sufferings upon the part of the nation's soldiery during those early years which for heroism and devotion to an ideal has a parallel only in the annals of the pilgrims of Plymouth in 1620. As many as 40 soldiers, one-third of the troops of the garrison, died while striving to endure the rigors of that first winter back in 1819. This fact gives some faint idea of the privations which were endured, and the sacrifices which were made by members of the military establishment at your very door, in order that the early settlers might be safe guarded and the processes of civilization carried forward. The death of such men was indeed honorable. As an early writer says:

"They passed away on a remote frontier, amid a wilderness and under circumstances of privation and general distress most difficult to describe, and were buried in obscure and lonely graves whose location has long since been unknown. But they were American soldiers, and died in the service of their country. And there can be no more honorable or glorious death. The possession of this new country demanded sacrifices and those gallant spirits were the first martyrs to the cause of development and the civilization of Minnesota and the great Northwest."

Gentlemen, am I overstating the case when I say to you that the civilian population of a given community owes to the soldiers of that community something of that same opportunity for decency, for morality, and for the cultivation of the spiritual instincts, as they themselves enjoy. That opportunity has not yet been made possible for Fort Snelling. For over a hundred years of that garrison's existence it has never had a building consecrated to the worship of Almighty God and the study of his Holy Word. Many other smaller cities lying adjacent to Army stations in various parts of the country have provided for this necessity. But the Twin Cities somehow, so far, have overlooked the missionary opportunity and the moral challenge of this situation. This utterance is in no sense a condemnation, it is merely made in order to touch your moral nerve centers.

A crusade upon the part of the religious and patriotic forces of Minnesota in behalf of a properly appointed house of divine worship at Fort Snelling would only be in line with the genius of our Christian civilization. In addition to the 1,500 soldiers at the garrison we have upwards of 160 little children who have imploringly reached

out their hands and asked for the bread of life. We must not be content to give them a stone. Will you not therefore assist us in this most worthy cause by making every possible effort to stab the conscience of and awaken to responsive, definite action those forces of righteousness within your midst which ought to be concerned in this enterprise.

The reproach of this situation, standing altogether too long, should now be removed as speedily as possible. For just so long as two thousand young American citizens, your own Minnesota boys for the most part under 21 years of age, are denied the privileges of that one institution which more than any other is intended to instill patriotism, inculcate reverence; which stands for the best things, which contributes to character-building and the conservation of vigorous manhood; just so long Minnesota, and particularly the moral forces of the Twin Cities, are not quite playing the game fair with the soldiers within their midst.

Perhaps if the patriotic, law-abiding, God-fearing citizenry of our country were as willing to give of their time, of their energy, of their influence and of their money for the maintenance of our institutions, for the conservation of our nation's young manhood, for the safeguarding of our ideals, for the self-respect and the honor of our soldiers; if we were as willing to do this as the destructive forces of society are to degrade and debauch our country's manhood represented within the ranks, and to bring the organizations of our national defense into disfavor and ill-repute, then, perhaps, there might be no need for this appeal.

I want to make an earnest though humble appeal today to all persons who love justice and righteousness to assist in putting the emphasis of this proposition where it will produce results. Will you not make an effort to get this matter before influential business men, asking them when they are in their churches and preparing their budgets to send missionaries to far off heathen lands, that they do not forget the duties that lie nearer at hand. In the name of High Heaven, and in memory of George Washington the soldier, who knelt in the snows of Valley Forge and prayed for his country, for his countrymen and his soldiers, do not forget the soldiers who serve the flag now, at your very doors. Fort Snelling needs a chapel. The Government is not now, nor has it ever been engaged in the construction of churches, or in doing any other form of religious work. The citizens of Minnesota ought to build this chapel, and I believe they will build it when they know all the facts concerning the need.

THE FORT SNELLING CHAPEL

To the Editor of the Journal:

6-13-1925

It was my privilege some weeks ago to attend divine worship at Fort Snelling, the occasion being the annual celebration of "Mother's Day." I discovered that there was no chapel at the garrison, and upon inquiring was informed that the only place available for religious services was the dance hall and recreation room. For some time an effort has been made upon the part of the garrison chaplain to arouse an interest among the members of the churches of the Twin Cities that they might consider the need of a suitable place for worship for these soldiers. It seems strange that up to the present date there has been such a limited response, and it is hoped that before long a wide-spread campaign may result from the present efforts. Dr. Eliot of Unity Church, St. Paul, has presented the cause to his people, and the Men's League of his church have already acted promptly and liberally. Knowing present conditions, I have been moved to report what I saw and felt, as I saw these soldiers coming together on Sunday morning to worship God. The attendance completely filled the hall, there being present between three and four hundred soldiers, a body of healthy, vigorous and intelligent men. In addition to the soldier audience there were also present many members of the families of both officers and noncommissioned officers, making a congregation of which any preacher could well be proud. The hall had been used the evening before for a variety entertainment and therefore was not in the best of order for a religious service. The decorations and flowers upon the improvised altar, were all provided by the soldiers, and to a large extent helped to make the place fairly attractive. The band from the fort provided most of the music, but choir numbers were also presented by some of the officers and ladies of the Fort which made the service of song a valuable addition to the spirit of worship.

The sermon preached by the chaplain was based upon the character of young Timothy, the spiritual son of the great Apostle Paul. It moved within us all sweet memories of home life and boyhood days, the patient and careful training of our mothers, causing very serious thought among the boys present. Emphasis was laid also upon the choice to be made for the future mothers of our land.

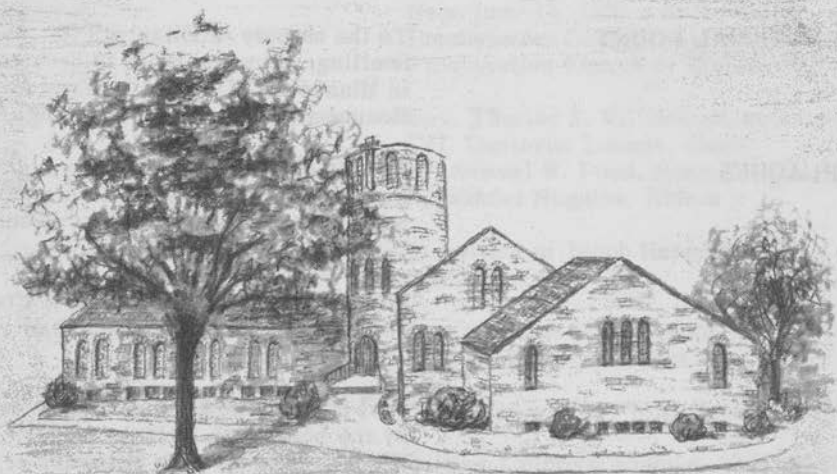
In view of the fact that the men of this historic garrison should maintain a strong allegiance to God and his Word, what is our duty in helping them to realize the importance of continuing allegiance to the religious life? There are now at Fort Snelling fifteen hundred soldiers. And during the early part of June fifteen hundred college students are expected for a six weeks period of training. They come from more than thirty of our educational institutions and from eight states. Later on, in August, another group will come from the trades and from the farm and from the professional walks of life. Are we satisfied to have it said that no decent place for worship has been provided for the resident population of Fort Snelling, as well as for the many strangers who will spend the summer there at camp? Herein lies a splendid opportunity for the churches of the Twin Cities to display the spirit of loyalty. There should be a quick response to this appeal for a well equipped building, where services of every creed may appropriately be conducted. Not alone should the churches be thoroughly aroused, but the business men of these cities and the patriotic organizations and every citizen should welcome the opportunity to be included in so worthy an enterprise.

—Alexander MacGeorge.

St. Paul, June 1.

Arnold E. Kahnest

FORT SNELLING STATE PARK
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For your enjoyment all the marked memorials in the Chapel are listed below:

CHIMES	Dedicated on April 6, 1930 by The Department of Minnesota, American Legion Auxilary
ORGAN	Dedicated On March 31, ¹⁹²⁹ 1964 by The Veterans of Foreign Wars and The Ladies Auxilary, Dept. of Minn.
CHANCEL PEWS	Dedicated by Women of the Episcopal diocese of Minn. in memory of Rev. Ezekiel Gilbert Gear; 1st Chaplin at Fort Snelling 1793 - 1874
BAPTISMAL FOUNT	To the memory of Elizabeth R. Snelling; 1st white child to be born in Minnesota. Donated by Erren Monument Co., St. Paul, Minnesota
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"	Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel erected by the soldiers & citizens of Minn. - Through Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel & Community Center Assn. Inc.
WINDOWS	In memoriam Right Rev. Henry Benjiman Whipple D.D. L.L.D. First Bishop of Minnesota 1859 - 1901
"	To the glory of God & in loving memory of Ezekiel Gilbert Gear; 1st Chaplin at Fort Snelling 1793 - 1874
"	Pioneer Missionaries who reduced the Dakota language to writing - arrived at Fort Snelling May 7, 1834
"	In memoriam Jessie Olney Hodges daughter 1884 - 1910 Carrol Borden Hodges 1882 - 1951 Lt. Col. U.S. Army

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"	In memory of Gideon Hollister Pond 1810 - 1878 Samuel Wilson Pond 1808 - 1891
TWO WINDOWS	To the memory of the illustrious John Ireland Chaplin 5th Minnesota Civil War and 1st Archbishop of St. Paul by Col. James A. Troy, Fort Snelling Chaplin 1942
WINDOWS	Here June 11, 1835 was founded a Presbyterian Church, now the first Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis
"	Rev. Thomas S. Williamson, missionary Col. Gustavus Loomis, clerk Dr. Samuel W. Pond, Henry H. Sibley Alexander Huggins, Elders
ALTAR WINDOWS 2	In memory of Jacob Henry Stewart MD Surgeon
ALTAR WINDOW 1	1st Regiment of Minnesota Infantry U.S. Volunteers
BALCONY WINDOW	3rd Infantry 1784 "Noli Me Tangere"
NAVE PEWS	William Colbrook Rideout 1847 - 1924 Lydia Ann Bishop Rideout 1844 - 1905 by Frank G. Rideout
"	Mrs. Jessie Hale Tuttle 1929 by St. Anthony Falls D.A.R. Chapter
"	Commemorating Service in the World War of our soldier sons Monument Chapter D.A.R. 1929
"	In memoriam Brigadier General B.I.B. Irwin U.S. Army by his children
"	In loving memory of Edward Allyn Webb by Luella Webb
"	Francis Knowles Wheeler by C.H. & W.H. Wheeler

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Minneapolis, Minnesota 1928

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No. 21

"

Robert Bruce Lengion by his
daughter Caroline L. Brooks

"

13th Minn. Volunteer Infantry 1928
by Ladies Auxiliary 13th Minn.
Regiment Assn.

"

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"

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men enlisted in the Civil War from
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MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday, May 11, 1924
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Published as a Tribute to the Mothers of the Officers and Enlisted Men of the Fort Snelling Command, and as a Reminder of a Duty which we owe to them this day.

COLONEL WILLIAM R. SAMPLE, U. S. ARMY
Commanding Officer

REVEREND FRANK C. RIDEOUT, B. A., B. D.
Chaplain, U. S. Army



WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Mothers' Day.

TO: Chiefs of all War Department Branches and Bureaus.

You are directed to bring to the attention of every officer and enlisted man in your command, the desire of the Secretary of War that each officer and enlisted man write a letter to his home on Mothers' Day, the second Sunday in May, May 11, 1924, as an expression of the love and reverence we owe to the mothers of our country.

By order of the Secretary of War.

ROBERT C. DAVIS, The Adjutant General,

AN ENQUIRY FOR MOTHERS' DAY

Say, Soldier! When did you last write to your mother? If she is forever gone from you, how often do you think of her? Do you realize that all you are or ever hope to be, started away back there when your Mother, her whole being pulsating with pride, held you tight, and with eyes lustered and watered with love, watched your very breath, and kept pace over the hours, with your faintest heart throbs? Think of how, all through those days of your helplessness, she wrapped you about in her unselfishness, and protected you in a thousand sacrifices. Remember, too, that the measure of your success in life will be the degree of honor which you pay to your mother and to motherhood. Yes, son! You'll be a great man, if you reach the topmost round of your mother's hopes and prayers. Why not let her memory guide and inspire you now, even as you in your helpless innocence and loveliness once guided and inspired her?

WHAT EVERY TRUE MAN OUGHT TO DO ON MOTHERS' DAY

1. Write her a letter telling her that you appreciate and reciprocate her love and her many sacrifices for you.
2. Wear a pink wild flower in memory of the purity and strength of her love. If she has gone to Heaven, wear a white flower in token of the fidelity with which you intend to keep her precepts.
3. Go to church, if possible, both for her sake and for your own sake. Remember her teachings, and answer her prayers by BEING the best possible sort of a man.
4. Resolve, from this day onward, to respect and keep inviolate the honor of all womankind. For this is the best tribute a noble man can pay to his Mother.

"Pure as the unsullied streams that flow
From rocky founts through vales below;
Holy as angels' thoughts above
Is that blest one—a mother's love."

—Selected.

YOUR MOTHER

She traveled the journey before you,
She has known all the cost of the way.
She paid out the price to its fullness,
That motherhood only can pay.
She loved when the world was against you,
She hoped when your hope sank and died;
She clung to your hand, when the clinging
Left scars in her heart deep and wide.
She labored and loved and was happy
For, down deep in her kind heart she knew
Your kindness and love would repay her
For all that she did—just for you. —Selected.

THOUGHTS FOR MOTHERS' DAY

The best monument that a man can erect in loving memory of his mother is himself. It will be the costliest to build, but it will last the longest; and in the end it will be the means of placing the brightest jewel in her crown.

MOTHER is the name for GOD, on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

SUGGESTION FOR YOUR MOTHERS' DAY LETTER

Fort Snelling, Minn., May 11, 1924.

My Dear Mother:

This is Mothers' Day and the War Department has requested that every officer and soldier who wears the uniform of our nation write a letter home today "as an expression of the love and reverence we owe to the mothers of our country."

I really did not need this admonition, mother, as you know, for I am determined to be your same boy, only, I hope, a better boy than I have ever been before. You perhaps may not have a clever or a brilliant son, but I have tried to keep up to the standard of morals in which you trained me, and which I believe in; and though it costs something at times, I am repaid in a lump sum every time I am able to state that I have kept myself clean. Sometimes I have been asked "Why?" and, besides other reasons, I have been able to say, "My Mother and my Dad believe that I am just as good away from home as I would be under their own roof. They trust me, and I would do anything rather than break that trust with my dad, or bring a blush of shame to my mother's sweet face."

And I have found, too, that though the world may sometimes bluster and scoff at morality and the good old fashioned religion—the kind that you have lived in the dear old home—all men respect the fellow who remembers the home training, and they will trust him always in preference to others.

I am so happy, dear Mother and Dad, that you have given to me such a legacy of pure blood and clean life—something far better than silver and gold; and I trust that this letter, and my determination to follow the precious example of godly parents, may be, in part at least, your reward for all that you have suffered and endured and planned for me.

Affectionately,
YOUR SON.

MY MOTHER

Of all the words of tongue or pen,
Of all the thoughts of mortal men,
There is no word, there is no thought
So dear to me as that one taught

At childhood's dawn,
Long years ago:
That precious word, with visions fraught,
Is "Mother."

The days are many since she pressed
My baby head upon her breast;
The months have gone with flying feet—
Our youthful years are all too fleet:
But calm and clear

I still can hear
The voice of her—than life more sweet—
My Mother.

Not always have I walked the way
She taught to me, from day to day;
Sometimes I may have scorned her care,
And made her burden hard to bear;

But here, this hour—
God grant me power!
I'll walk her way, I'll heed her prayer—
And make her glad—
My Mother.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

"Most all other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds! Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows; brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in all the wide, wide world."

—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

A TOAST

TO ALL GOOD MOTHERS everywhere, of every race and of every clime! They have not withstood the shock of battle array, but they have withstood the greater shock of enduring suspense and loneliness! They have not given their lives on the battlefield, but they have made the greater sacrifice of giving something more precious than life itself—for every true mother's son is more precious than her own heart's blood! These mothers of men have made greater sacrifices than mere men were capable of making—they have been patient with us in the long drawn out days and nights of our tender, helpless, and often petulant infancy; they have crooned their sweetest lullabies in our restless hours, and have joined in our innocent, childish play with all the enthusiasm of a best pal; they have watched over us in sickness, they have been patient with us in our wilfulness, they have toiled long hours that flowers might spring along our pathway, and they have reserved for us the daintiest dishes that our lips have ever tasted. They have cherished for us the fondest dreams of successful manhood and unsullied character, and at last, when their precious spirits have taken flight into the ethereal realms of the Great Beyond they have still followed us out across the long stretches of the vast eternity with their fondest prayers. O, Mothers of Men, God hallow your memory, and make us worthy of your dear love.

Memorial Day Exercises

HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE SCHOFIELD BARRACKS POST NUMBER SIX
American Legion



POST FLAG STAFF
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, H. T.
ELEVEN O'CLOCK
WEDNESDAY MAY THE THIRTIETH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

Order of Exercises

Presiding

SERGEANT JOHN B. LEEHMAN, POST COMMANDER
Schofield Barracks Post Number Six
American Legion

PROGRAM

1. Reverie - - - - - Third Engineer Band
Warrant Officer C. V. Jones, Director
2. The Invocation - - - - - Chaplain J. Knox Bodel
3. Lincoln's Speech at Gettysburg - Comrade Herbert B. Reddington
4. Vocal Selection - - - - - America, the Beautiful
School Children's Chorus—(Mrs. J. Knox Bodel, Director)
5. Declamation - - "A Tribute to Our Honored Dead" (*Beecher*)
Pvt. Robert E. Holleman, Post Schools

Order of Exercises

PROGRAM

6. The Palms (*Faure*) - - - Lt. Colonel Lawrence B. Butler
(Mr. E. A. Hollaway, Accompanist)
7. The Significance of the Day - Major-General Charles T. Menoher
Commanding Officer Schofield Barracks
8. Decoration of Monument to Honored Dead - Boy Scout Troop No. 24
9. The Benediction - - - - - Chaplain John T. Kendall
10. O, Dry Those Tears - - - - - Third Engineer Band
11. (a) National Salute (21 guns)
(b) Hoisting Garrison Flag
(c) National Anthem - - - - - Third Engineer Band

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Pvt. Herbert B. Reddington

PUBLICITY

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Pvt. 1/c M. T. Anderson



Quotations

The whole race reaches new heights in the breast of some simple-hearted soldier, who so loves life that he has much to give, but so loves his country and his cause that he freely gives it all.—*Perry*

Be worthy of your noble dead,
So shall your hearts be comforted
He is not lost who goes before,
But, standing in the Open Door,
He waits you there with outstretched hands,
Love's dearest, best ambassador.

—*Anonymous*



OLD FORT SNELLING ROUND TOWER .

One of the four remaining original buildings of Old Fort Snelling, the Round Tower was built in the early 1820's. Partial excavation of the site in 1958 revealed the foundations of the powder magazine shown in the lower right foreground.

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Palm Sunday

Blessed Is He Who Cometh In The Name Of The Lord



Christ's Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel
Sunday, March 29, 1931

MORNING WORSHIP AND SPECIAL
BAPTISMAL SERVICE
10:30 A.M.

COLONEL DAVID L. STONE,
Commanding

GYNTHY STORAASLI,
Post Chaplain

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE ORGAN PRELUDE Mrs. M. Ackerson
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN "How Firm A Foundation" No.122
THE OPENING SENTENCES Post Chaplain
INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER in unison.
CHORAL RESPONSE Chapel Choir
SCRIPTURE READING John 3, 3-8
VOCAL SOLO "The Palms" Mr. William Edwards
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28, 16-20
ANTHEM "Ride On, Ride On" Chapel Choir
SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10, 13-16
VOCAL SOLO "Suffer the Little Children" Mrs. T. W. O'Brien
TALK Post Chaplain
HYMN "Just As I Am" No. 76
READING OF BAPTISMAL SERVICES
PRAYER

Note: Upon conclusion of prayer the Sponsors will stand and on behalf of the candidates for Baptism, will answer in unison the following questions:

Chaplain : Dost thou believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

Sponsors : I do.

Chaplain : Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried: Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence He

shall again come to judge the quick and the dead?

Sponsors : I do.

Chaplain : Dost thou believe in the Holy Chost; the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting?

Sponsors : I do.

Note: The Sponsors will be seated, and as the name of child is called - Sponsors and child (or children) will come forward to the Baptismal Front.

As each child is presented for baptism the Sponsors will be asked the following question:

Chaplain : Wilt thou be baptized into the Christian Faith?

Sponsors : I will.

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

WORDS OF BLESSING

INSTRUCTION TO SPONSORS

Post Chaplain

DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No.252

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" No. 107

ORGAN POSTLUDE Mrs. M. Ackerson

Children to be presented for Baptism

Child : Mary Elizabeth Dicks
 Parents : Lt. & Mrs. John L. Dicks
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. Carl Switzer

Child : Thompson Galletly Dicks
 Parents : Lt. & Mr. John L. Dicks
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Griffith

Child : William Harold Dukes
 Parents : Capt. & Mrs. T. A. Dukes
 Sponsors: Lt. & Mrs. R. T. Mitchell

Child : James Jay Fussell
 Parents : Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Fussell
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. T. E. Marcum

Child : Mildred Orlean Grant
 Parents : Major & Mrs. J. H. Grant
 Sponsors: Mrs. David L. Stone
 Mrs. T. W. O'Brien
 Brig. Gen. Charles R. Howland

Child : Myles Standish Grant
 Parents : Major & Mrs. J. H. Grant
 Sponsors: Col. David L. Stone
 Major & Mrs. M. Schillistrom

Child : Rose Dolores Neu
 Parents : Mr. & Mrs. E. Neu
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. G. Torrey

Child : Lorraine Betty Neu
 Parents : Mr. & Mrs. E. Neu
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. F. Johnson

Child : Betty Jane Neu
 Parents : Mr. & Mrs. E. Neu
 Sponsors: Mr. Clarence Neu
 Miss Hazel Neu

Child : Maureen Eleanor Nolan
 Parents : Sgt. & Mrs. M. E. Nolan
 Sponsors: Mr. Sgt. & Mrs. R. Coleman

Child : Margaret Ann Peterson
 Parents : Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Peterson
 Sponsors: Mr. Albert Haller
 : Miss Edith Haller

Child : Jackson Lee Raines
 Parents : St. Sgt. & Mrs. J. C. Raines
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. T. Hinchelcliffer

Child : Rischard Stephen Reid
 Parents : Mr. & Mrs. N. S. Reid
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Reid

Child : Thomas Eugene Reid
 Parents : Mr. & Mrs. N. S. Reid
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Reid

Child : Neta Withington Speece
 Parents : Capt. & Mrs. N. W. Speece
 Sponsors: Mrs. Cristine Ekman
 : Mr. N. Wm. Elsberg

Child : William Robert Sorum
 Parents : Major & Mrs. A. Sorum
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mr. Victor Bjorgo

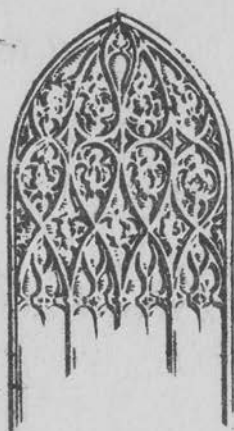
Child : Nathalie Lois Urquhart
 Parents : Captain & Mrs. J. R. Urquhart
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. James Stevenson

Child : Charlotte Watzelt
 Parents : Sgt. & Mrs. A. Watzelt
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Erickson

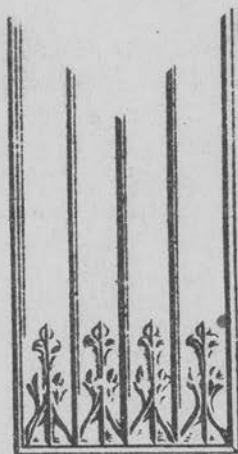
Child : Arlene Watzelt
 Parents : Sgt. & Mrs. A. Watzelt
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Erickson

Child : Charles Watzelt
 Parents : Sgt. & Mrs. A. Watzelt
 Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Erickson

Child : Thorpe Durelle White
 Parents : Capt. W. B. White [deceased]
 Mrs. Mabel White Davidson
 Sponsors: Mr. Chas. D. Edwards
 Mr. C. Glenn Pruett
 Mr. Wm. Van Deren
 Lt. & Mrs. Russel Powell



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Andante

Allegro con fuoco

This sonata is one of the most tuneful and popular of the serious works by a Chicago critic and composer.

Voice:

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM Malotte

A SONG OF CONSECRATION Kennedy

ALLELUIJA Hummell

The setting of "A Song of Consecration" provides an almost perfect complement between the voice and the organ. The words are by Charles Wesley. The text of the "Alleluja" is a poetic paraphrase of Psalms LXIII and XXIII.

Organ:

ELFIN DANCE Edmundson

NIGHTINGALE AND THE ROSE Saint-Saens

DIVERTISSEMENT Vierne

These three widely contrasted pieces by an American and two French composers represent three distinct moods in music.

Voice:

ALLAH Chadwick

THOU ART LIKE A FLOWER Chadwick

CLOUDS Charles

SEA MOODS Tyson

These four songs, by American composers, are from the standard concert repertory.

Organ:

FOUNTAIN REVERIE Fletcher

TOCCATA (Fifth Symphony) Widor

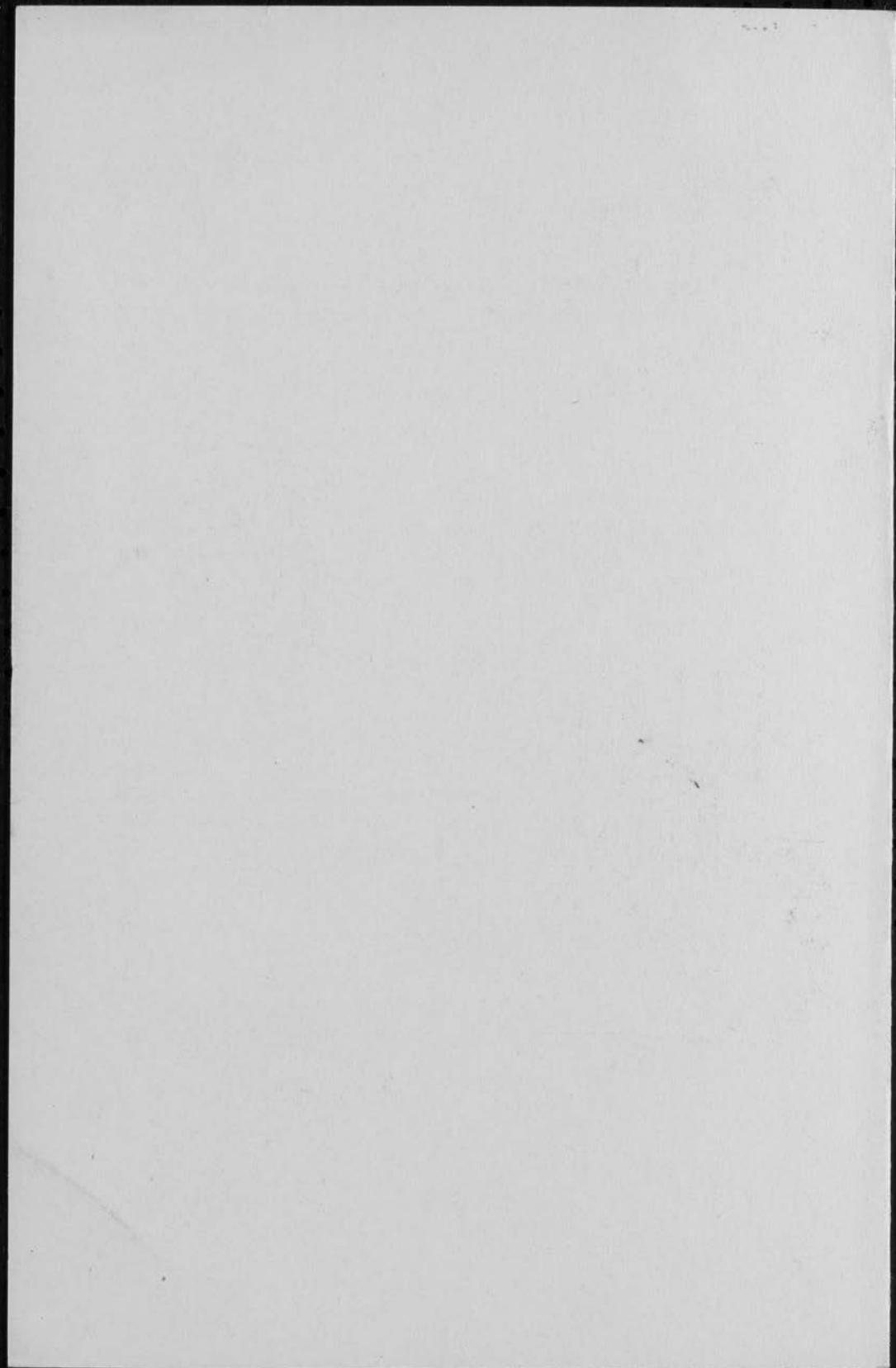
The "Toccata" is one of the famous show-pieces for the organ.

Organ, Voice:

NOW THE DAY IS OVER Barnby

Probably the most beloved evening hymn ever written. Presented as a musical benediction to this afternoon's program.

The third in the series of Vesper Musicales will be presented Sunday afternoon, September 3, at 4:30 o'clock.



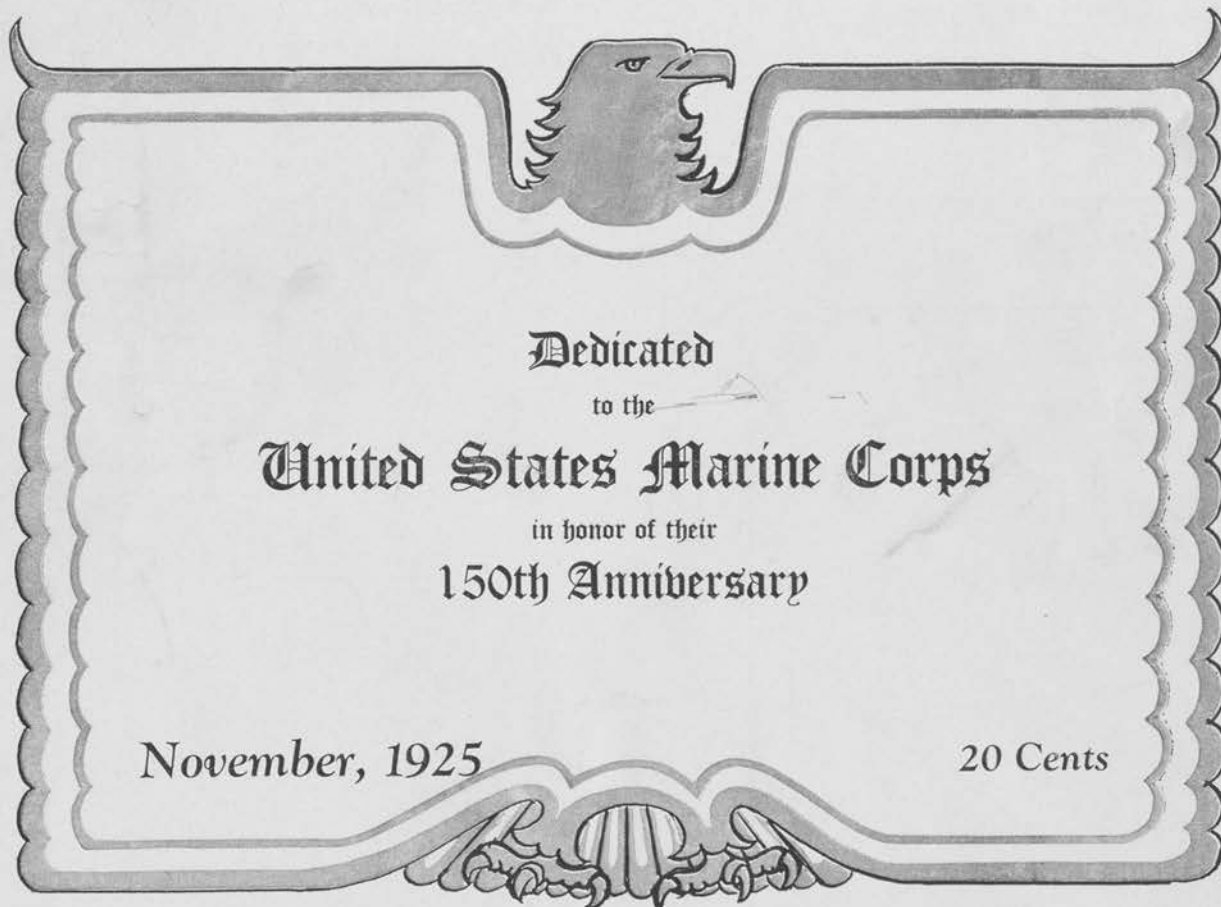
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Calendar of December Meetings

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John S. Marsh Post, G.A.R., Redwood Falls
Jos. Garrison Post, G.A.R., Dodge Center
F. M. Harrington Post, G.A.R., Hutchinson
Ambrose Kelly Post, V.F.W., 1st Ave. N.E. & 2nd St., Mpls.
151st Field Artillery Post, V.F.W., Armory, Minneapolis
Granite Post, V.F.W., A. O. U. W. Hall, St. Cloud
Gen'l Sam'l G. Sturgis Garrison, Army and Navy Union, Old Capitol, St. Paul

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Levi Butler Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
A. E. Welch Post, G.A.R., Red Wing
John A. Diz Post, G.A.R., Luverne
Hamilton Fish Camp, U.S.W.V. Post Chapel, Fort Snelling
E. P. Alexander Post, V.F.W., Court House, Duluth
Clarence Stowe Post, V.F.W., Glendorado

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

Jas. Canfield Post, G.A.R., Glenwood
E. B. Gibbs Post, G. A. R., White Bear
J. L. Heywood Post, G.A.R., Northfield, 2 P. M.
Arthur McArthur Camp, U.S.W.V., Court House, Mpls.
Walter H. Strand Post, V.F.W., Armory, Mankato
George R. Wolff Post, V.F.W., City Hall, Hopkins
Nagel-Howard Post, V.F.W., 1325 Summit, St. Paul
Cyrus Chamberlain Post, V.F.W., Minnetonka Beach
Minneapolis V.F.W. Drum Corps, West High School
Morton Pup Tent, M.O.C., Morton

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Geo. N. Morgan Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Acker Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
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Russell Gaylord Post, V.F.W., Dupont and West Broadway, Minneapolis

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Alex Wilkin Post, G.A.R., Mankato
Frank Daggett Post, G.A.R., Litchfield
John Ball Post, G.A.R., Winona
Garfield Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
McPherson Post, G.A.R., Benson
Burnside Post, G.A.R., Kasson
Stoddard Post, G.A.R., Worthington, 2 P. M.
A. K. Skaro Post, G.A.R., St. Peter, 2 P. M.
Jas. A. Goodwin Post, G.A.R., Owatonna, 2 P. M.
Robt. L. McCook Post, G.A.R., Glencoe
J. G. Whittemore Post, G.A.R., Villard
Lytle Post, G.A.R., Brownton
John A. Meyers Post, G.A.R., Jackson, 1:30 P. M.
Gen'l Sumner Post, G.A.R., Aitkin
Col. Cobham Post, G.A.R., Crookston
A. J. Overton Post, G.A.R., Morris
Emery Upton Post, G.A.R., Browns Valley
L. H. Tenney Post, G.A.R., Moorhead
Booth Post, G.A.R., Grand Meadow, 2 P. M.
E. S. Frazier Post, G.A.R., Park Rapids, 1 P. M.
Wm. R. Baxter Post, G.A.R., Chaska
Ransom Post, G.A.R., Wells
Jos. Orcutt Post, G.A.R., West Concord
H. R. Carr Post, G.A.R., Bemidji, 2 P. M.
D. F. Markham Post, G.A.R., Marshall
Geo. H. Thomas Post, G.A.R., Montevideo
Sully Post, G.A.R., Blue Earth, 2 P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

James Bryant Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
J. M. McKelvey Post, G.A.R., St. Cloud
Hecker Post, G.A.R., New Ulm
N. B. Barron Post, G.A.R., Waterville, 1 P. M.
Gen'l Shields Post, G.A.R., Shakopee
Millam-Magnuson Post, V.F.W., 23d & Central, Mpls.
Gopher Post, V.F.W., New Prague

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Stanton Post, G.A.R., Fergus Falls
Jacob Schaefer Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
James Balletine Post, V.F.W., Calhoun Club, Minneapolis
Freemond Madison Post, V.F.W., Albert Lea
Henry J. Wuest Post, V.F.W., Armory, Anoka
Oscar & John Sobert Post, V.F.W., Lakeville
St. Paul Chapter, Rainbow Division, Old Capitol, St. Paul

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Muller-Crook Post, G.A.R., Stillwater, 2:30 P. M.
Dudley P. Chase Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Buzzell Post, G.A.R., Annandale
John G. McEwen Camp, U.S.W.V. Mem. Hall, Duluth
Clarence Miller Camp, U.S.W.V., Winona
M. M. Carleton Post, V.F.W., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Donald H. Skitmore Post, V.F.W., Fort Snelling
Minneapolis Chapter, Rainbow Division, Armory, Mpls.
Minneapolis Branch, Great War Veterans of Canada, Lincoln Club, Minneapolis

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

B. R. Palmer Post, G.A.R., Sauk Center
Charles E. Bond Camp, U.S.W.V., Court House, Mpls.
Hennepin County Council, V.F.W., Kenwood Armory, Mpls.
Greeder Hines Post, V.F.W., Stillwater
Napoleon-Dupre Post, V.F.W., 21 N. 21st Ave., W., Duluth
Minneapolis V.F.W. Drum Corps, West High School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Appomatox Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Billy Mortimer Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
C. K. Davis Post, G.A.R., Olivia
Patrick Gallagher Post, V.F.W., City Hall, S. St. Paul

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

J. S. Cady Post, G.A.R., Anoka, 1:30 P. M.
Garfield Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Willis A. Gorman Post, G.A.R., Duluth
John Ball Post, G.A.R., Winona
J. B. Culver Post, G.A.R., Duluth
C. Fairchild Post, G.A.R., Dawson
Sully Post, G.A.R., Blue Earth, 2 P. M.
Joe Hooker Post, G.A.R., Tracy
Phil Kearney Post, G.A.R., Fairmont
Workman Post, G.A.R., Little Falls
J. G. Whittemore Post, G.A.R., Villard
Jas. Clabaugh Post, G.A.R., Winnebago City
John A. Logan Post, G.A.R., St. James
La Grange Post, G.A.R., Windom
Frank P. Blair Post, G.A.R., Ortonville
E. L. Kenney Post, G.A.R., Chatfield
C. Summers Post, G.A.R., Canby
A. J. Overton Post, G.A.R., Morris
A. C. Collins Post, G.A.R., Clearwater
Ben Franklin Post, G.A.R., Morton, 1:30 P. M.
Lisle-Russell Post, V.F.W., Armory, Hastings

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Underwood Post, G.A.R., Preston, 2 P. M.
Worth Bagley Camp, U.S.W.V., Old Capitol, St. Paul
A. R. Patterson Post, V.F.W., Court House, Minneapolis
Tracy Post, V.F.W., V. F. W. Hall, Tracy
Ivan D. Fulkerson Post, V.F.W., Veteransville

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

John S. Marsh Post, G.A.R., Redwood Falls
F. M. Harrington Post, G.A.R., Hutchinson
Ambrose Kelly Post, V.F.W., 1st Ave. N. E. & 2nd St., Mpls.
151st Field Artillery Post, V.F.W., Armory, Mpls.
St. Paul Pup Tent, M. O. C., St. Paul
Gen'l Sam'l G. Sturgis Garrison, Army and Navy Union,
Old Capitol, St. Paul

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Hamilton Fish Camp, U.S.W.V., Post Chapel, Fort Snelling
E. P. Alexander Post, V.F.W., Court House, Duluth

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Arthur McArthur Camp, U.S.W.V., Court House, Mpls.
Frank Patzward Post, V.F.W., Liberty Hall, Morton
Napoleon-Dupre Post, V.F.W., 21 N. 21st Ave. W., Duluth
Walter H. Strand Post, V.F.W., Armory, Mankato
George R. Wolff Post, V.F.W., City Hall, Hopkins
Nagel-Howard Post, V.F.W., 1325 Summit, St. Paul
Cyrus Chamberlain Post, V.F.W., Minnetonka Beach
Minneapolis V.F.W. Drum Corps, West High School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

John A. Diz Post, G.A.R., Luverne
Geo. N. Morgan Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Acker Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Custer Post, G.A.R., Rochester
Halvorson-Bowers Post, V.F.W., Citizens Club, Mpls.
Russell Gaylord Post, V.F.W., Dupont and West Broadway,
Minneapolis
Jos. A. Erwin Post, V.F.W., 508 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul
Henry Rathert Post, V.F.W., Mora

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Garfield Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Alex Wilkin Post, G.A.R., Mankato
Frank Daggett Post, G.A.R., Litchfield
John Ball Post, G.A.R., Winona
Jas. A. Goodwin Post, G.A.R., Owatonna, 2 P. M.
D. F. Markham Post, G.A.R., Marshall
Geo. H. Thomas Post, G.A.R., Montevideo
Sully Post, G.A.R., Blue Earth, 2 P. M.
Robt. L. McCook Post, G.A.R., Glencoe
Burnside Post, G.A.R., Kasson
Stoddard Post, G.A.R., Worthington, 2 P. M.
J. G. Whittemore Post, G.A.R., Villard
A. K. Skaro Post, G.A.R., St. Peter, 2 P. M.
Lytle Post, G.A.R., Brownston
A. J. Overton Post, G.A.R., Morris
Emery Upton Post, G.A.R., Browns Valley
E. S. Frazier Post, G.A.R., Park Rapids, 1 P. M.
Stanard Post, G.A.R., Motley
H. R. Carr Post, G.A.R., Bemidji, 2 P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Millam-Magnuson Post, V.F.W., 23d & Central, Mpls.
Gopher Post, V.F.W., New Prague
Jos. A. Erwin Post, V.F.W., 508 N. Snelling, St. Paul
Quamme Post, V.F.W., Bank Building, Wanamingo
Clark Hanson Post, V.F.W., Canby
American Women's Overseas League, Dixie Coffee Shop,
Builders Exchange, Minneapolis

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Jacob Schaefer Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
James Ballentine Post, V.F.W., Calhoun Club, Minneapolis
Tracy Post, V.F.W., V. F. W. Hall, Tracy
Freemond-Madison Post, V. F. W., Albert Lea
Henry J. Wuest Post, V.F.W., Armory, Anoka
Oscar & John Sobert Post, V.F.W., Lakeville

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Dudley P. Chase Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
John G. McEwen Camp, U.S.W.V., Memorial Hall, Duluth
Donald H. Skidmore Post, V.F.W., Fort Snelling
M. M. Carleton Post, V.F.W., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Minneapolis Chapter, Rainbow Division, Armory, Mpls.
Minneapolis Branch, Great War Veterans of Canada, Lincoln Club, Minneapolis
Flour City Pup Tent, M.O.C., 43 S. 4th St., Minneapolis

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

B. R. Palmer Post, G.A.R., Sauk Center
Chas. E. Bond Camp, U.S.W.V., Court House, Minneapolis
Greeder Hines Post, V. F. W., Stillwater
Minneapolis V.F.W. Drum Corps, West High School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS

Appomatox Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Billy Mortimer Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Ramsey County Council, V.F.W., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Patrick Gallagher Post, V.F.W., City Hall, S. St. Paul

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

J. S. Cady Post, G.A.R., Anoka, 1:30 P. M.
Garfield Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Willis A. Gorman Post, G.A.R., Duluth
John Ball Post, G.A.R., Winona
J. B. Culver Post, G.A.R., Duluth
Sully Post, G.A.R., Blue Earth, 2 P. M.
Phil Kearney Post, G.A.R., Fairmont
Pap Thomas Post, G.A.R., Brainerd, 3 P. M.
Workman Post, G.A.R., Little Falls
J. G. Whittemore Post, G.A.R., Villard
Jas. Clabaugh Post, G.A.R., Winnebago City
La Grange Post, G.A.R., Windom
Frank P. Blair Post, G.A.R., Ortonville
C. Summers Post, G.A.R., Canby
Rushford Post, G.A.R., Rushford
A. J. Overton Post, G.A.R., Morris
C. Fairchild Post, G.A.R., Dawson
A. J. Murphy Post, G.A.R., Lake Crystal
Lisle-Russell Post, V.F.W., Armory, Hastings

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

F. W. Halstead Post, G.A.R., Excelsior
Worth Bagley Camp, U. S. W. V., Old Capitol, St. Paul
A. R. Patterson Post, V.F.W., Court House, Minneapolis
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The Patriotic Observance of Thanksgiving

By Rae Behrman Druck

HOW many in celebrating Thanksgiving ever associate the day with the spirit of loyalty or patriotism? Does not the thought of Thanksgiving generally bring to our minds a day of feasting? The first thing we visualize is his Eminence the Turkey well fed, proud and majestic, as we see him portrayed in pictures or posters. Then we think of that same turkey in his coat of brown, stuffed almost to bursting, and oh, so delicious, appearing at the table in all his glory, accompanied by his aids the charming cranberry sauce and the smiling and gracious potato. We see him finally carved by the head of the family to the delight of those assembled around that sumptuous board. And before we are aware, his allies, the historic pumpkin pie, and equally famous plum pudding, not to be outdone by their predecessors, make their eloquent and irresistible appearance, the latter arriving in a flame of glory. Occasionally we attend church services and oftentimes remember the needy, but nothing further.

A daily paper recently defined Thanksgiving as follows: "Thanksgiving is a day set apart as an annual festival of thanksgiving for the year's blessings."

True, we celebrate Thanksgiving annually. I do not for one moment wish to suggest that we take away what we for years have been accustomed to associate with the day. But, have we not omitted something that is vitally important in commemorating our annual day of thanksgiving, its patriotic significance?

Alexander Hamilton, in recommending an annual proclamation, August, 1789, says in part: "that henceforth the President of the United States should issue a yearly proclamation calling upon the nation to devote a certain day to thanking the Creator for the formation and benefits of such a government as this."

Washington on October 3rd, 1789, in issuing what might be termed the first national Thanksgiving proclamation, included practically the same thought—to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially in affording them an opportunity peaceably, to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Our Pilgrim fathers, although they primarily offered thanks to God for an abundant harvest and material welfare, undoubtedly were also grateful for their preservation in a land of freedom.

In seeking for the origin and cause of the early Thanksgiving proclamations, we find that the proclamations of Washington, Madison and Lincoln were issued in thanksgiving for some event directly associated with what has since become a part of the history of our country.

The Continental Congress on at least seven occasions designated various days for such festivities on account of victories and other encouraging events as follows: Thursday, July 20th, 1775, for the victory of Bunker Hill; Thursday, December 8th, 1777, a general day of thanksgiving by the Continental Army for the successful campaign against the surrender of General Burgoyne and his army; May 7th, 1778, a day of thanksgiving and prayer for the troops at Valley Forge; May 2nd, 1779, for the alliance with and friendship of France for the thirteen colonies; April 5th, 1782, upon the cessation of hostilities and the King's announcement of the independence of the United States. Then on October 3rd, 1789, we have Washington's proclamation evidently issued to commemorate the final adoption of the constitution by all the colonies.

No other proclamation was issued by Washington until February 19th, 1795, which was, no doubt, in thanksgiving for the final treaty of peace with England.

President Madison recommended a Thanksgiving day for peace in April, 1815.

There seems to be no record of further proclamations until April 10th, 1862, when Lincoln called upon the nation to give thanks for the many victories of the Union Army. Other proclamations followed on July 15th, August 6th and October 3rd of the year 1863, and again on May 9th, 1864, and Carl Holliday in the "Churchman" states that "it was due to the untiring effort of a woman that Congress, in 1864, declared that the last Thursday of November was henceforth to be considered the proper day for a national Thanksgiving and that the date be a legal holiday."

President Lincoln issued the first annual Thanksgiving proclamation October 26th, 1864. This custom has since been observed by every President, and yet all the history that we include in our observance of Thanksgiving is the landing of the Pilgrims and their first year in America.

Have we only the year 1621 and the current year's events to be thankful for?

Would we today enjoy the blessings of freedom and prosperity if they were not the results of a heritage left us, not alone by our Pilgrim ancestors, but by the pioneers of the Washington, Madison and Lincoln periods. In fact, we are indebted to the men and women of all America, whose courage, perseverance and self-denial, whether in war or in peace, have made this "the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

We owe a real debt to those of past generations. Shall we not remember them in our Annual day of Thanksgiving? Is it not incumbent upon us to help pay that debt, by giving to our country the best that is in us and by upholding the Constitution that has been the bulwark of our Nation?

No Thanksgiving should be complete unless we include in our observance the part played by our country in the World War. In our prayers let us also remember those who gave their lives that America might live. Above all, let us not forget the display of our National Flag.

Our list of flag days include February 12th, Lincoln's birthday; February 22nd, Washington's birthday; May 30th, Memorial Day; June 14th, Flag Day; July 4th, Independence Day—but no display of the Flag is called for on Thanksgiving Day. And yet the immediate occasion of the first Thanksgiving proclamation ordered by the Continental Congress was for the Victory of Bunker Hill in 1775.

Former Mayor L. C. Hodgson of St. Paul, most fittingly expressed this thought of the patriotic observance of Thanksgiving in his proclamation of 1920. "In all the calendar of our year there is no day so wholly American in its historical associations as Thanksgiving Day. Around it cluster undying memories of the men and women who established America; and in its meaning as we have known it, can be found the spirit of the American pioneer."

Those who have fared forth upon the Great Adventure, in obedience to the call of human duty, are our greatest reasons for Thanksgiving. They shall join with us in our prayers and hopes even as they are become our mediators before the throne of God. . . . Let us, therefore, with joy and earnestness and consecration observe this Thanksgiving Day with uplifted spirit, gathering from our observance a new vision and strength, as we realize that America was founded by men who believed that Life was performed against a background of eternal meaning, and let us by a renewal of that ancient faith bring to this generation, the sure knowledge that America can serve the world only by building its destiny upon a spiritual foundation. . . . I earnestly urge such celebration of Thanksgiving day as shall make the City of St. Paul foremost in the emphasis of everything that means enlarged ideas of citizenship and nobler opportunities of the service of citizenship. To this end let there be a general display of flags, emblem of that citizenship for which every true American heart beats with thanksgiving."

St. Paul began its patriotic observance of Thanksgiving in 1916. The Department of Education at once recognized the splendid opportunity the historical pageant afforded for impressing the history of our country upon the minds and hearts of the children and through them upon their parents.

Pageants we are aware, are also valuable agents in bringing about a community interest, but when given to celebrate the occasion of a national holiday, it has a double value. Apart from the lesson

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Letters of Cyrus Foss Chamberlain

December 26, 1917.

Dear Mother: Before going further I will answer the questions in your letter of November 30th. I always carry an official identification card, and as soon as I get an opportunity intend to get a little metal identification tag to wear on my wrist. In case of accident my escadrille would immediately be notified, and an official cable sent to father. Also the other Americans in my escadrille would see that you were kept fully informed by cable and letter.

Did you notice the article by Norman Hall in the Atlantic, called "High Adventure"? It would interest you as it is about Avord and flying, and it is well written. Shortly after he got to the front he mistook three German machines for a French patrol, and did not discover his mistake until he got a bullet in his arm. He fainted and his machine came down over the French lines. While unconscious he instinctively "redressed," or pulled his machine back into a position for landing, at the right time and landed right in a French third line trench without hurting himself. He was laid up for quite a while, and is now back in his escadrille.

Christmas eve after dinner we all sat around the stove in our *popot*, or dining room, and were as gay as we could be under the circumstances. We managed to get together enough wood to keep a fire for a couple of hours, and the *chef-du-popot* brewed a bowl of hot *pinard* punch and brought in a cold supper, and a very sociable time was had. We had a big Christmas dinner last night, of which I am enclosing a menu. It wasn't a regular Christmas dinner, as we couldn't get any chickens or turkey, and there was an entire absence of cranberry sauce, mince pie and other essentials, but it was good—for the front. I, for one, was thinking more about what was going on at home than what we were eating. I am sorry the things you sent to eat couldn't have arrived, and I am afraid they will be slow in coming, as there must have been a congestion of traffic on account of all the things sent over to Americans in France.

This is a fiendish climate in winter, and there are many days when flying is impossible. Day before yesterday I had a wonderful view of an air battle which occurred near our field at about 3,000 meters altitude. A biplane Boche came over alone, about eleven in the morning, probably photographing. We knew it was a Boche before we could see him, on account of the little puffs of smoke popping out around him, which were the French anti-aircraft shrapnel bursting. Suddenly four French monoplanes appeared out of the distance at a great height and made for the Boche. He saw them and headed for home, but he had a strong wind against him, and the smaller, faster French *chasse* machines were soon around him. We could see the tracer bullets drawing lines of smoke between the Boche and the French planes, as first one and then the other would close in on him and exchange a few shots. A one-man machine can only shoot straight ahead, so in attacking one has to close in straight toward the Boche, get in a few shots, then maneuver for another chance, while all the time the two-place machine can shoot at you from his rear, side, or straight ahead. You can imagine what a fascinating and terribly thrilling sight it was, to see the big plane



Sergeant Cyrus Chamberlain

sailing along constantly changing direction, with the four little planes around it, doing *renversements*, vertical turns, and every conceivable kind of maneuver to get in a position for a close shot. The Boche stopped firing pretty soon, showing that the passenger was hit. One of the French planes dived close in, got in the lucky shot and probably killed the pilot, for the Boche plane keeled over and started nose down for the ground. When it got about a third of the way down it burst into flames with an explosion of the gasoline tank, and fell to the ground a sheet of flame probably fifty feet long. The passenger's body was found over a mile from where the plane fell.

I took a long walk this afternoon with Tyson and Nichols down the "road that saved France" at the battle of Verdun. They say that during that attack night and day, for weeks, there was a line of trucks absolutely unbroken, running on the road, which is the main one feeding the Verdun sector. It is always an active sector and there is a great deal going over the road even now, guns, ammunition and supply trucks, officers' autos, and motorcycle dispatch riders, in an almost constant stream. One rather humorous thing passed us today, a wagon containing a huge cask of *pinard*, the *poilu's* red wine, camouflaged.

Writing long letters is quite a job, when you have to thaw the ink and also your hands every page or two.

A thousand thanks for sending me all the presents.

Cyrus.
Escadrille N. 98 (S. P. 8),

January 7, 1918.

Dear Mother: My machine isn't quite ready yet, but yesterday I borrowed one and made a flight over the lines, flying in formation with two other pilots in my escadrille. Practically all the *chasse* machines go out in patrols of from two to six and at times as many as ten or fifteen planes. We are situated in a very active sector in the center of a large salient, with the line swinging around on three sides of us.

Yesterday we made the circle of the lines to get familiar with the ground. We stayed up about an hour and a quarter. Of course it was exciting being over the lines for the first time and under fire for the first time, especially as it was a very clear day and there were machines in the air in all directions to be watched and classified. The proverbial three-ring circus is a complete rest for the attention compared with it. I wish I could give you a mental image of the thing, but it is hopeless, I know, as I have never been able to imagine correctly in advance the various sensations in this game, even talking and thinking it constantly as I do. We went over to the hangars about ten minutes before we had agreed to start, dressed in fur-lined combinations over our uniforms, fur-lined boots, fur-lined casque, fur gloves and goggles, leaving only the eyes, nose and mouth exposed. The mechanics had the machines out in front of the hangars, we climbed in and they started the motors. The Frenchman who was leading the patrol got his machine started first, ran out into the field, turned around so as to start up into the wind, opened up his throttle, and was off and up with a roar. I got started next and was up to 500 meters in about the time it takes to tell it, got behind the leader and a little over him, then we flew around at that level, keeping over the field and waiting for the third man, who was having trouble getting his motor started. Pretty soon we saw him taxi across the field and take the air, and when he got our level we maneuvered into position. I was about 150 meters to the left of, behind and above the leader. Johnson was in a similar position to the right, but a little higher, so we would not interfere with each other on the turns. We then started toward the lines, climbing, and were at about 2,000 meters when we got over them, and flew at about that altitude for the rest of the trip. When we got near the lines we each started flying in the form of an S, making the banks very nearly vertical, so as to see under, over and behind, as constantly seeing everything in the air is the essential thing. Now you can picture me comfortably seated in my *coucou*, coasting along at well over 100 miles an hour, constantly over on one side or the other, with one eye on the leader. This keeps one eye fairly active, as he is leaving me at the rate over 200 miles an hour when our S's cross. The other eye is comparing my map with the ground, taking in flash impressions of the lines, watching my altimeter and compass, without at any time neglecting any portion of the sky for more than a few seconds, and all the time doing plain and fancy flying automatically that would have required my undivided attention a few weeks ago. Now, just to add a tinge of excitement to the pastoral scene, imagine a few little black round clouds pop out of the blue sky, a little to the right of me at my level. They are Boche anti-aircraft shrapnel bursting, and aimed at me; also there are occasional machines, probably Boche, in a beautiful position to drop on me if I get separated from my patrol.

It sounds scary—as a matter of fact, it wasn't at all. It was very interesting and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I felt no thrilling sensations as I had expected. The captain of our escadrille, who was up near the lines and saw us, said the Boche had our range pretty well and were giving us a heavy

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Marine Corps 150 Years Old

NOVEMBER 10th marked the 150th anniversary of the U. S. Marine Corps. As part of the anniversary celebration a tablet was unveiled on the site of the old Tun Tavern in Philadelphia to mark the spot where, in 1775 the first Marines enrolled for the Revolutionary War.

It was in 1775 that Benjamin Franklin saw a little fife and drum corps parading in Philadelphia. Their swallow-tail coats were green, faced with red. They wore white waist-coats and their buff-colored trousers disappeared in leggings reaching to their knees. Crossed white belts and a three-cornered hat completed the uniform which marked the earliest forerunners of the modern United States Marines.

Their drums bore the likeness of a rattlesnake, with the words "Don't Tread on Me," a replica of one of the first flags adopted by the colonies. Their leader was guiding his band through the streets, occasionally stopping when he saw a burly lad who looked husky enough to wield a pike or a cutlass.

Franklin described the scene in a letter to a friend. The recruiting sergeant invited the interested men so accosted to accompany them to the Tun Tavern and join a newly formed battalion of sea soldiers.

The earliest history of the Marine Corps is found in an old book, "The Diary of the Tun Tavern," all entries being made on the yellowed pages in a style of penmanship used long before the Spencer system of penmanship, was born. In a fine, rolling hand, almost as legible as the day it was written, are the muster roll, pay roll, and a copy of a court-martial proceeding of the first company of Marines. There also is recorded the story of the first delinquent Marine, who received "10 lashes well laid on" for carelessness in carrying out orders.

During the first three months of its existence more than 300 recruits joined the Marines, lured by the picturesque uniforms and the promise of adventure on the high seas.

These adventures came quickly. February 16, 1776, the new corps started on its first expedition. Ten sloops of war lay in the Delaware river. The Marines went aboard. Escorted by two ships of the Colonial Naval squadron, the Providence and the Wasp, the sloops weighed anchor and sailed slowly down the river. The mission of the fleet was to meet British men-of-war which were creating havoc off the coast of Virginia.

They did not encounter the enemy, so continued to sail Southward to the Bahamas. Here, without firing a shot, the British fortifications were captured. In a few hours the fleet sailed Northward, bearing as trophies 100 cannon and a big supply of ammunition. The British governor had escaped capture by fleeing.

Scores of expeditions have been made by the Marines since the little force set forth from the Tun Tavern. They have fought pirates in the Caribbean, stalked Indians in the Everglades of Florida, stormed the barrier forts in Korea and battled with Boxers in China. They have come to grips with revolutionists in Nicaragua, Santo Domingo and Haiti, and have taken part in numerous events of diplomatic or international character.

Their reputation was therefore firmly
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War Casualties

REX F. HARLOW, research student and statesman, on his return from Europe where he has been studying war records, published in a recent issue of Current History the exact figures on the World War Casualties. As they are unquestionably the most authoritative record yet issued they are worth reprinting here.

The World war resulted in the killing of 8,461,595 and the wounding of 21,099,935 men—a total of practically 30,000,000 casualties. The total mobilized force was 64,683,810. In other words one out of every eight men who donned the uniform was killed and one out of every three was wounded.

As among the individual nations, the highest death rate was sustained by Rumania. Out of a total of 750,000 men under arms, Rumania lost 335,706 in killed alone. Thus nearly one out of every two Rumanians was killed. The nation having the next highest death rate was Germany. Many people may be surprised to learn that more Germans were killed than Russians. Germany lost 1,773,000 in dead alone, as against Russia's figure of 1,700,000. The Germans mobilized a million less men than the Russians and lost 73,000 more. Thus, next to Rumania, the German death loss, both absolutely and relatively, was the highest sustained by any belligerent.

The figures regarding those wounded do not parallel the percentages of those killed. France's percentage of men wounded was the highest, being 50.72; Austria came next, with 46.15, and Russia third, with 41.25.

Four nations, Russia, Germany, France and Austria-Hungary, lost well over a million men each. A fifth, Great Britain, lost nearly a million, the British death toll having been 908,371. In the case of Russia and Germany, the death figure was much closer to two million than to one. France's death toll was 1,357,800 while Austria-Hungary's was 1,200,000.

The total mobilized strength of the allied group was 41,883,810. The total mobilized strength of the Central Powers was 22,858,000. On the face of it the odds seem almost two to one in favor of the allied group, but, with Russia dropping out of the fight before it was over, and the United States not coming into it until late, the odds never did, at a given moment, so greatly favor the allies. Had the full Russian strength and the full American strength been in the field at the same time, the war undoubtedly would have come to an end much more quickly.

The United States escaped with the lightest proportionate loss of any belligerent engaged. The American death percentage was 1.05, the lowest of all the death percentages. The American wounded percentage was 4.30, the lowest of all the wounded percentages. Yet for all that the United States lost practically four times as many men as Belgium, 50,280 Americans having been killed as against 13,716 Belgians. Had America suffered on the same proportionate scale as Rumania, we should have lost 2,250,000 in dead and 570,000 in wounded.

The statistics show that in the great war more men lost their lives from battle than from disease. In previous wars the reverse has been true.

A war in which 65,000,000 were mobilized and 30,000,000 killed or wounded! That, in a nutshell, is the story of World War.

Armistice Day 1925

SEVEN years ago, November 11th, the Armistice ending the World War was signed and this year Minnesota veteran organizations in every part of the state observed the anniversary. Some took the form of celebrations while others preferred to commemorate the date. But everywhere some sort of observance was held.

At eleven o'clock citizens were seen to pause, remove their hats, and stand a moment in silent tribute to those who went "West." Many patriotic rallies were also held during the morning hours.

The afternoon was devoted in many cities to parades, public speaking or church services. Dances, banquets and social events filled the evening hours in most instances. Both Minneapolis and Mankato, however, held torch light parades in the early evening, followed by Mardi Gras celebrations.

In Minneapolis the veteran organizations co-operated and formed a central committee to plan the evening's festivities. Twenty-one booths were erected on Nicollet Ave., and members of the different orders sold confetti, streamers and noisemakers for their various units.

The parade started at 8 o'clock and by the time it had reached Nicollet Ave., the largest crowd ever assembled in Minneapolis was lining the sidewalks and overflowing into the street. In many places the spectators were packed twenty-five to thirty deep. Marching to the light of red torches and the music of bands and drum corps, the military parade swung down the narrow lane, while bombs were fired from the tops of nearby buildings.

Headed by Brigadier General Geo. E. Leach, Mayor of Minneapolis and his staff, the parade started. Then came the 151st Field Artillery and their band and the 135th Infantry led by their band. The 151st were on foot because of the crowds. The 88th Division and the Letters Carriers' band. The Rainbow Division Veterans' Association followed, with the K. C. band leading them. Then the American Legion with their auxiliary, drum corps, band and the 40 and 8, their side degree. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies' Auxiliary with the Soo Line band. The V. F. W. fife, drum and bugle corps leading the American Women's Overseas League and the Military Order of the Cootie. The Cooties were in regalia and firing at regular intervals their "cannon." The Disabled American Veterans, Ladies' Auxiliary and Trench Rats aboard a float and the D. A. V. drum corps in the lead. Great Wars Veterans of Canada marching behind a bagpipe and drum. The United Spanish War Veterans and the Military Order of the Serpent, weaving from one side of the street to the other with their flaming tongued reptile. Then came the City Council and the Firemen's band leading the civilian organization and the rear ranks were filled by 2,000 Community Fund workers behind the Pillsbury band.

Forty-five minutes of parading before two long lines of packed humanity. But for some reason the crowd was not noisy. Very little cheering or noisemaking despite the horns and other noisemakers they purchased. And with the end of the parade the loop district emptied as if by magic. Tens of thousands of people went home and only a hand full remained to make merry and most of those were veterans.

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EDITORIALS

A ton of talk weighs less than nothing, if it isn't backed by action.—Theodore Roosevelt.

PERHAPS the most overworked word in the English language is "veteran." For years it has been the favorite and most used word in the lexicon of newspaper headline writers. "Veteran Blank Dies," is an everyday one-line caption that appears at least four or five times in any newspaper. The "Blank" may be anything from a corporation executive to a messenger boy or in rare instances a former soldier.

An experienced attorney can qualify for the title of veteran of many legal battles as can the sweet young thing who is obtaining her third or fourth divorce. In fact, there is no business, recreation or society in which a person cannot become a veteran with enough practice.

We were seriously contemplating changing the name of this publication to the "Minnesota Service Man" as our last resort to escape the questions "Veteran of What?" But with the organization of a new body of men even that classification is denied us. For the "Service Veterans of the United States" has been organized.

The "Service Veterans" are not former soldiers, sailors or marines, but the fighting members of the Selective Draft Boards.

Now this new order so aptly named, has laid out an elaborate legislative program which includes, we are told, the following:

(1) Law for congressional recognition of services rendered in the World War, with campaign medals and testimonials.

(2) Act to amend National Defense Act to provide for the creation of a separate department for Selective Service operation.

(3) Act to amend Civic Service Law to give the same preference to former members of the Selective Service Boards as is now given to former members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

(4) Act to amend War Risk Insurance Act to give former members of the Draft Boards the privilege of government insurance.

(5) Act to give indigent former members of Selective Service Boards privileges of Public Health Service.

Such an extensive program of demands will unquestionably lend publicity to the efforts of these organizers to gain recognition for their suffering members. But isn't such legislation absurd?

If former members of the Draft Board wish to form an organization for fraternal and patriotic purposes, we see no reason for any possible objection. Many patriotic men who were unable to serve in any other way lent their aid in helping war activities by serving on Draft Boards. Men of this caliber wish no such legislation as proposed, in their behalf and will probably not affiliate nor lend their support to this organization.

It is only a few disgruntled persons who are fostering a movement to award themselves campaign medals to assuage their vanities, allow themselves Civil Service preference to positions they probably could not obtain in any other way, procure hospitalization for the injuries they suffered sitting at desks and obtain government insurance for themselves for no reason at all. To these absurdities they further wish to add a department to train Draft Board members to our national defense when one of the purposes of the National Defense Act is to eliminate the necessity of the draft.

Certainly their demands if acceded to by Congress will open the way to many other such organizations being formed. Perhaps even to the extent of those patriotic citizens who Hooverized during the war, obtaining government compensation for the suffering to which they were subjected in observing wheatless and meatless days and rationing their sugar supply. Imagine a multitude of housewives marching like Coxe's Army on the national capitol bearing banners such as "We conserved, now you compensate." "Sweeten our palms with the sugar saved" or "We husbanded our stuff instead of stuffing our husbands, now do your stuff."

There is apparently no end to the after effects of the war. We thought the height of the ridiculous had been reached when the lawyers, looking for a further dodge for their criminal clients, paraphrased the war phrase and invented "cell shock" as a bar to quick justice. But the demands of the Draft Board's former members are more ridiculous.

And what is the poor "veteran" of only a war or so going to do for a name now that both "Service Man" and "Veteran" are taken from him?

LAST month it was our privilege to call the attention of our readers to the proposed chapel at Fort Snelling. Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, U. S. A., wrote the following letter thanking the *Veteran* for the co-operation afforded;

"Please accept my cordial thanks for your interest. Two veteran organizations have already taken steps to secure the co-operation and financial assistance of their entire memberships in Minnesota. This is gratifying, indeed and I believe that it will lead to the solution of our problem in due time.

"It does not seem possible that the good, patriotic citizens of this great commonwealth, which owes so much to the historic garrison at Fort Snelling, can let this challenge pass. Former service men are in a position to estimate the seriousness of this situation and the urgency of our needs, perhaps better than anyone else. I am quite certain that no former service man will allow this appeal to go by unnoticed. Back of it is the challenge of decency, the appeal of romance, morality, and the purest and best kind of religion—that which recognizes the value of all creeds.

"The Chapel at Fort Snelling will be a worthy memorial to all former Minnesota service men and especially to those who have given their lives for their country. Such a memorial will honor every last individual who has had a part in making it possible. You are exactly right in your October editorial in the *Veteran*. 'This is not merely a Twin City affair, but a matter of state wide interest.' Once more, I cordially thank you for your interest."

Comrades, Chaplain Rideout's plea is that of an unselfish man for perhaps the most unselfish cause that has ever reached our attention. Many beautiful churches have been erected in every city, town and village in Minnesota, but each is a unit of some creed or faith. A chapel at the Fort would be a non-sectarian edifice, consecrated to divine worship for divine worship's sake. That the soldiers want a chapel is more than proved by their donations from their pay that total over \$3,000 at this writing.

Only two veteran organizations have interested themselves in this work of raising the money necessary for the erection of a chapel, according to Chaplain Rideout's letter. There are members of fifteen organizations and their auxiliaries receiving this publication. That means that the roster is thirteen shy. Appoint yourself a committee of one to see that this endorsement is not overlooked again and send a copy of the resolution your organization adopts to the *Veteran* for publication next month. Let's show the boys at the Fort that their Comrades have not forgotten.



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OLDTIME DANCE HELD

JIGS and square dances, Virginia reels and waltzes, fiddles and accordions playing the music of 40 years or more ago—refreshments of real oldtime cider that "melted right on your tongue, sir, like cider should"—were just a few of the features of a dance attended by 150 at the Minnesota Soldiers' Home, November 23rd, staged in the main dining hall entirely by veterans and their wives.

There was C. W. Smith, 95 years old, the oldest man in the home. But he isn't the oldest, he said emphatically—he's just as young and spry as any man of half his age.

And just to prove it, he got up and did a jig, just as he used to do back in '62.

William McVay of Northfield, started the jigging, to the tune of "Turkey in the Straw."

And, not to be outdone, one after another kept time with "Billy Mac" until everybody who had ever tried a jig at all was doing it. And then they all "swung their partner" and "circled to the right" and then to the left, while Bill warmed up to his task of calling for the old dances that he "had almost forgotten, it's been so long since I tried it."

The grand march was led by Major S. H. Towler, and "Kel" Keller, formerly a drummer boy, brought out his drumsticks and proceeded to sound forth a rolling march that didn't lack a bit of vigor.

After the grand march, the dancing began. The party was the first of a series that will be given this winter for veterans at the home.

Grand Army men were again prominent in the Armistice Day celebrations this year in Minnesota. Department Commander Scram spoke at Owatonna and in other parts of the state the G. A. R. helped out their younger Comrades in the day's festivities.

PENSION CHANGES ASKED

JOHN B. INMAN, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has prepared a circular letter to all Posts of the country, asking united support of a program for a separate Civil War veterans' pension bill.

Under the proposal, every union soldier who enlisted prior to April 9, 1865, and served 90 days and was honorably discharged would receive \$72 a month. Any widow married prior to 1910 would get \$50 a month and Civil War nurses the same amount. A totally disabled soldier, who requires an attendant, would receive \$125 and those having lost an arm or a leg, \$100.

The committee which will direct the campaign in congress for the bill is headed by John L. Clem, of Washington, D. C.

"COMRADE MINE"

ONLY two members, out of a total which at one time reached 45, remain of Logan Post, No. 162, G. A. R. at Slayton. The Post was organized in January, 1891, with 22 charter members. In the year 1902, its roster showed a membership of 45, nearly all of them strong, healthy men. A majority of the members had seen from two to three years of active service.

Today Logan Post is still paying dues on six members, although only two are now living.

One of the two surviving members, E. S. Wheeler, 83 years old, has composed the following poem and dedicated it to the other member, Y. S. Wishart, 84 years old:

Comrade mine, can you divine
Which, you or I, the one will be
To fall in line, to close the rank,
Of that great throng, two million strong,
That for sixty years' been marching on,
O'er the brink of time to eternity.

I'm eighty-three, you're eighty-four,
We have reached the limit of our score;
But no man knows which one 'twill be
To make the flank, and close the rank,
Of that great throng, two million strong,
That for sixty years' been marching on,
O'er the brink of time to eternity.

Two jolly stragglers by the way,
Dodging rollcalls every day,
Marking time, though out of line
While that great throng, two million strong,
That for sixty years' been marching on,
O'er the brink of time to eternity.

Comrade mine, I can but think
That the last man to cross the brink
Will bear with him the gratitude,
Of a nation saved by the fortitude
Of that great throng, two million strong,
That for sixty years' been marching on,
O'er the brink of time to eternity.

Mr. Wheeler was a member of Company E, Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, while Mr. Wishart was a member of Company E, 46th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

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THE FIRST MINNESOTA

THE famous story of the First Minnesota is never too often told and you have never heard the tale related unless you have been fortunate enough to hear it from the lips of one of the 47 survivors.

Two former members of the "Famous First" are now living at the Soldiers' Home. It is impossible to reproduce in cold type the thrill of that charge as told by Daniel Sullivan and James Walsh. However, the main facts are these:

It was near the close of the day, June 2, 1863, at Gettysburg. The sun slanted a smoke-reddened eye on the eastern slope of the famous field, over the weary, defeated wing of General Sickles' army, as it crumpled back before the charge of Longstreet and Taylor's battalions.

The Union men gave ground. Then they broke into retreat, with the southern army pursuing and firing upon them. The only organized force that lay between the Union lines and defeat was Colville's First Minnesota.

Just as the fleeing men reached the First's position, General Hancock rode up with a single aide and called out:

"What regiment is this?"
"The First Minnesota," Colonel Colville replied.

"Charge those lines," Hancock commanded.

"Forward," came Colville's command. And the regiment, already reduced to 262 men by its strenuous service, wheeled forward as one man to face certain death.

Never before had the Confederates encountered so violent an attack from so small a force. The astounding onslaught paralyzed the advancing foe.

The first rebel line broke. The second fell into disorder. The advance of the whole Confederate army was halted. And the First Minnesota had saved the day.

But after the battle only 47 of the 262 remained to tell the tale.

Go out and hear the story for yourself. It is an experience not many of we younger men can have and it is thoroughly worth while.

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NEWS NOTES

HIBBING IN 1926. The Council of Administration unanimously accepted the invitation of the Wm. C. Butler Camp No. 30 to hold the State Encampment at Hibbing next year. The city also officially extended a cordial invitation to visit the "Iron Capitol of the World" in 1926.

As Hibbing is ideally equipped to entertain the Encampment, the Department is anticipating another enjoyable gathering next year. Butler Camp refused to disclose their plans but hinted at quite a bit.

Department Commander, Sam A. Rask, spoke at Owatonna, Armistice Day and other Department and local Camp officers were on the speaking programs in nearly every other city and town in the state. In Minneapolis, the Military Order of the Serpent, the U. S. W. V. side degree was prominent in the night parade and members of the order wound their way down the street carrying a blazing mouthed dragon.

Department Inspector Albert Hammond of White Bear Lake anticipates visiting all of the Camps in Minnesota during his incumbency in office. Camp Adjutants have been directed to immediately advise Inspector Hammond the dates of their regular meeting nights so that he may arrange the dates of his itinerary. The same information should be given the Department Adjutant so that headquarter lists will be accurate.

The Fort Snelling Chapel drive was unanimously endorsed by the Department Council of Administration and a special bulletin sent to all Camp Commanders with directions to advise their members that donations for this purpose would be gladly received by the Department Adjutant. Anything from a dollar upwards is the plan of raising this fund. The lists of the money so received will be run each month in this publication with the names of the Comrades and the amounts subscribed.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE U. S. W. V. IN MINNESOTA

By Harry G. Brant, Past Senior Vice
Commander-in-Chief

THE first group of Spanish War veterans in Minnesota to recognize the necessity of organizing were the men of Co. G, 13th Minnesota and to General Hubbard goes the credit of getting them together. This was in 1901 and in 1903 the leaders of the various organizations of Spanish War veterans throughout the country, realizing their aims and purposes were the same, joined forces naming the consolidated organization the United Spanish War Veterans.

In the spring of 1904, Major Oscar Seebach, first commander of the Red Wing Camp and later provisional Department Commander came to St. Paul and through the press notified St. Paul veterans that a Camp was to be organized. At a meeting at the Old Capitol, May 24th, 1904, Worth Bagley Camp No. 2, named for the first man killed in the Spanish War, was mustered in.

Camps No. 3 at Crookston, No. 4, at Fergus Falls and No. 5 at Winona were organized shortly afterwards.

A provisional Department was formed in 1905 and in 1906 after John G. McEwen Camp No. 6 was mustered in at Duluth, the quota required to remove the "provisional" was reached. Patrick Miller was then elected Department Commander.

At Winona in 1908 the first real State Encampment was held and Hugo V. Koch elected Commander. Camps No. 7 at Fort Snelling, No. 8 at Faribault, No. 9 at Minneapolis and No. 10 at Waseca were organized during Comrade Koch's administration. In recognition of this work Commander Koch was re-elected at the 1909 convention at St. Paul. Two more Camps were formed, No. 11 at Austin and No. 12 at Winona, before the reins were turned over to J. B. Gibson who was elected Commander at Faribault in 1910.

Major Diggles Camp No. 13 at Duluth and Camp No. 14 at New Ulm were mustered in before the next Encampment at Red Wing and the election of Carl Rickner who served two years. As a result of the Duluth Encampment in 1912, the Comrades at Chisholm organized Camp No. 15.

The next convention held in St. Paul will be long remembered for the close fight for Commander, Sam Skoog being elected by one vote majority. O. G. Sandsted was the other candidate.

Arthur McArthur Camp No. 16 at Minneapolis, No. 17 at Hibbing and No. 18 at Albert Lea were added to the roster during Commander Skoog's term. Geo. J. Sherman was elected in 1914 at Minneapolis and was succeeded by W. A. Curtis in 1915 after the Austin Encampment.

Ole G. Sandsted was elected Commander at Albert Lea in 1916 and in turn S. O. Simonson and Herman Nigg were elected

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at Waseca and Lake City. Camp No. 19 at Mankato was organized during 1918 and Minneapolis entertained the 1919 Encampment where C. W. Ketcham was elected Commander. The Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 20 was instituted at Winona in 1919 and at Mankato next year Harry G. Brant was elected. The total Camps in the Department was brought to twenty-three during this year.

Commander Rick elected in 1921 added Camps at Rochester, St. James, and Fairmont. John D. Schweiger, the 1922 Commander, was elected by the "native son" route at the Duluth gathering and Camp No. 27 at Owatonna was organized during his term.

Camp No. 23 at Alexandria, named for Carl C. Van Dyke of Minnesota who died shortly after he was elected National Commander-in-Chief in 1918, were hosts to the 1923 Encampment. Otto Rath was elected Commander and during his term he succeeded in organizing Camp No. 29 at St. Paul of the colored Spanish War veterans. Camp No. 28 at Worthington was organized the same year by Sr. Vice Commander Boyce who was elected Commander in his home town (another "native son") of Fairmont in 1924.

During Commander Boyce's incumbency a Camp at Hibbing was added and given the round number of 30. With the Encampment at Willmar last June and the election of Commander Rask this brief history is brought to date.

No attempt has been made here to elaborate in any way on the details and side-lights of the history of U. S. W. V. in Minnesota. However the editor has advised me that space will be gladly given to those Comrades who have more intimate stories to tell.

Dark Black: "What's yo' got in dat little bag?"

High Brown: "Dem's my instruments. I se a veterinary."

D. B.: "Doan try an' kid me, man. Yo' ain't never been in no wah."

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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HARTIG MONUMENT UNVEILED

THE monument erected over the grave of our Past Department Commander, Dr. Hugo Hartig, who was killed last summer in an automobile accident at Lake Minnetonka, was unveiled Sunday, November 15th, at Crystal Lake cemetery, with fitting ceremonies. Over ten thousand people attended Dr. Hartig's funeral last July and nearly four thousand were present at the unveiling.

Mayor George E. Leach, one of Dr. Hartig's closest personal friends, spoke of the loss his death has caused in not only the ranks of the V. F. W. but the community in which he lived. He called attention to the numbers that have attended both services as proof of the love those who knew him bore for him.

Rev. J. A. O. Stub, pastor of the Central Lutheran Church, conducted the service and the Lowry quartet and the Fireman's Band furnished the music.

ADJUTANT REEDY RESIGNS

DANIEL L. REEDY, serving his second year as Department Adjutant, tendered his resignation November 1st to take effect on the 15th. The Department Council of Administration accepted it at their last meeting and Department Commander Phil Comstock moved state headquarters to Mankato pending the appointment of a new Adjutant.

Comrade Reedy was first appointed by Past Department Commander George A. Ferguson in July, 1924. He served as Adjutant during the full term and was reappointed by Commander Comstock last July. It is needless to state that his resignation is regretted by all who came in contact with him officially and otherwise. He has been connected since the 15th with the Veteran Film Service, whose war picture "Men of Purpose" ran two weeks in Minneapolis recently.

Until further notice address all department communications to the Department Commander at Mankato, Minn.

General Order No. 3-25/6

Oct. 20, 1925.
The following appointments are hereby made effective at once:
1. Deputy Chiefs of Staff:
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Edward Gehrey.....Post 950, Mankato
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.....Department Adjutant
By Order of
PHIL F. COMSTOCK
Official. Department Commander
DANIEL L. REEDY
Department Adjutant

POST-SCRIPTS

GEORGE R. WOLFF, Post No. 425, V. F. W. at Hopkins, has been very active the past three months and a part of their activities within that time include: First prize in ticket selling contest for Hennepin County Fair; third prize in fair parade float at Hopkins with the Ladies' Auxiliary at that time taking first prize in same parade. Oct. 29th the Post entertained the Auxiliary and the 1925 Poppy Day workers at a Hallowe'en party. The annual Armistice dance was held at the opera hall. A membership contest is in progress and a considerable increase in members is looked for by January 1st, when the contest ends.

October 17th members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries in the Twin Cities held a card party at the V. F. W. Rest Pavilion, Minnesota State Fair grounds. The building was crowded to capacity. To those who attended the need of the Rest Pavilion as a central meeting place was forcibly brought home. The building is still incomplete but it stands as a monument to those willing workers, who have given so freely of their time and money to the project. Every member of every Post should be a member of the "Buck or Better Club" which is still raising funds for the completion of the building. If Twin City members are willing to work during their spare time to furnish a place for the V. F. W. to hold their reunions and recruit new members during fair week, other members should help in contributing the material with which to work. Is your check good? Does your pen write? Put them together and send the result to John J. Walsh, Treasurer, c-o Miller Davis Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

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23RD ANNUAL BANQUET

LAST year when the Twenty-third Annual Banquet was held in Minneapolis, St. Paul boasted that notwithstanding the overwhelming success of the affair, the twenty-fourth held in their city would surpass it. And it looks now as though their boast will become a reality.

Enthusiasm has never run higher over any other matter in the Ramsey County Council than it does at present over banquet preparations. Bend your ear for the dope. Montgomery Ward's Banquet Hall is the place.

January 23, 1926, from 6:30 P. M. to midnight, is the time.

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WARNING

Carl Hergesheimer, Quartermaster of the Neville Post at Winona reports that a man calling himself B. F. Cummings has passed several worthless checks in Winona. He claims to have served with the 151st Field Artillery and to be drawing \$60 a month compensation. He is about five feet six or seven, of a stocky build with a badly scarred face. He says he is 24 but looks older.

Patterson Post, No. 7, Auxiliary will hold a card party December 5th at the home of Mrs. St. Arnold, McKinley Court, 127 E. 14th street, Minneapolis. Many visitors from other Posts and Auxiliaries are expected as the affair will be for both Comrades and Sisters.

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THE trial of Colonel William Mitchell that is now holding the boards in Washington is not without precedent. Many Spanish War veterans recall the famous trial of General Charles F. Egan, who faced disciplinary action for making statements more emphatic than diplomatic.

General Egan was commissary general of subsistence in the Spanish-American War, and was the man accused by General Nelson A. Miles of sending over the "embalmed beef" served to American troops.

General Miles said many uncomplimentary things about the beef, and criticism became so general that a president's board, very similar to that now investigating Colonel Mitchell's charges, was convened to investigate conditions.

General Egan, called before the committee, hotly denied General Miles' allegations, and said:

"If and when General Miles charges that it (the beef) was furnished as a 'pretense of experiment,' he lies in his throat, he lies in his heart, he lies in every hair of his head and every bone of his body; he lies wilfully, deliberately, intentionally and maliciously. In denouncing General Miles when he makes this statement, I wish to make it as emphatic and as coarse as the statement itself—I wish to force the lie back in his throat."

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DR. CLIFFORD C. HENRY, Secretary of the Minnesota Commandery, was operated upon November 23rd, and is reported to be recovering rapidly. In fact he is expected to resume his practice inside of the month unless unlooked for complications appear.

Membership cards of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, giving companions' number in the Commandery and showing the cut of the insignia and button, are sufficient introduction in military and naval clubs of foreign countries to extend to the companions the courtesies of such club and are a recognized mode of identification.

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The War Department recently announced that the following commanding officers would be retired for age in 1926: Major General Chas. T. Mencher, commanding general 9th corps area, San Francisco, March 20, 1926; Major General Harry Taylor, chief of engineers, Washington, June 26, 1926; Major General Andrew Brewster, commanding general first corps area, Boston, December 9, 1926; Brigadier General James D. Glennon, assistant to Surgeon General, Washington, March 1, 1926; Brigadier General John B. Bellinger, assistant to quartermaster general, April 15, 1926; Brigadier General John D. Barrette, army base, Boston, May 14, 1926.

General Egan was tried before a court martial on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and sentenced to be dismissed from the service. When he heard the sentence, General Egan said, "General Miles has crucified me on a cross of falsehood and misrepresentation."

President William McKinley in reviewing the sentence of the military court, took into consideration General Egan's long record, and modified the sentence to suspension from rank and duty for six years.

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IN accordance with Section 14 of the Constitution and General Laws of the National Corps of the Army and Navy Union of the United States of America, the nomination of officers in the Garrison for the coming year will be held on Tuesday, December 1st, the first stated meeting of the month and the election will be held on December 15th, the last meeting of the month. May we lay special emphasis upon the importance of these meetings on both of the dates aforesaid, that the best possible comrades be chosen for the several elective offices, bearing in mind that the year 1926 will be a very important one in the history of the Garrison. Comrades of the various veteran organization are reaching out for an organization which embraces the veterans of all wars, and the Comrade who is still in the service of our country.

On the first meeting of December we will muster a class consisting of three Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans, three from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and three from the American Legion. Try and be at this meeting to encourage those who are coming to us and insure them a real welcome.

The holiday season finds our thoughts reverting to those to whom we would convey a message of cheer, and with the thought of Tiny Tim in our hearts let us remember the Comrades who are in the hospitals and in the Soldiers' Homes, remember the widows and orphans and bring cheer to them everywhere.

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THE second regular meeting for November was held in the Spanish Room of the Radisson Hotel on Tuesday, November 23rd. Vice-Commander Bain presided. The meeting was specially advanced one day in order not to conflict with the hockey match between the Minneapolis Millers and the Winnipeg team at the Arena on Wednesday, November 24th.

At the meeting the resignation of vice-Commander George Roe was submitted and a resolution thereupon adopted accepting the resignation with regret. George has permanently located at International Falls and has been thus compelled to cease activities in the Minneapolis Branch.

Commander W. Neilson Forbes announced that his firm was sending him to England late in December and that he would be required to be absent a considerable period of time. The organization is faced with the loss of a very active and valuable leader and it is generally conceded, that during Mr. Forbes' term of office the Minneapolis branch of the G. W. V. A. has made greater progress than during any other regime. A banquet is being arranged in honor of his departure to be held at the Radisson Hotel and attended by the various members and friends. The exact date of it will be announced later.

The Minneapolis Branch of G. W. V. A. is arranging to hold a dance in conjunction with the Women's Overseas League of Minneapolis at which dance the soccer players of the Great War Veterans' team in the Municipal League will be the guests of the Minneapolis branch. The committee in charge of this entertainment is headed by Vice-Commander Bain and details will be announced at a later date.

Owing to the large number of Canadian veterans who are drawing pensions by reason of war disabilities, suffering reductions in or cancellation of pensions while residing in Minneapolis and elsewhere in the United States, a rumor became prevalent that a change of citizenship i. e., a Canadian becoming a naturalized American, would automatically reduce or cancel his pension. There is no foundation for the rumor and it is absolutely untrue. The question was recently submitted to the Board of Pension

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SUPPLEMENTING the article last month about the Red Cross' war activities the following statistics are published, showing their principal war accomplishments:

Contributions received (money and material).....	\$400,000,000
Red Cross workers.....	8,100,000
Relief articles produced by volunteer workers.....	371,500,000
Families of soldiers aided by home service in the U. S.....	500,000
Refreshments served by canteen workers in the U. S.....	40,000,000
Nurses enrolled for service with the Army, Navy or Red Cross.....	23,822
Knitted articles given to soldiers and sailors in the United States.....	10,900,000
Tons of relief supplies shipped overseas.....	101,000
Foreign countries in which Red Cross operated.....	25
Patient days for soldiers and sailors in Red Cross hospitals in France.....	1,155,000
Splints supplied for American soldiers.....	294,000
Gallons of nitrous oxide and oxygen furnished hospitals in France.....	4,340,000
Soldiers served by Red Cross canteens in France.....	15,376,000
Civilian refugees aided in France.....	1,726,000
American convalescent soldiers attending Red Cross movies in France.....	3,110,000
Wounded soldiers carried by Red Cross ambulances in Italy.....	148,000
Children cared for by Red Cross in Italy.....	155,000

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A ROUNDUP of names and addresses of Minnesota men, who fought in the Rainbow Division, has been begun by a committee of the Minneapolis Chapter, as a preliminary to a reunion to be held at a later date. So many of the men have moved since official lists were last compiled that many cannot be located. T. H. Overlock, 409 Besse Building, is chairman of the committee and new addresses should be sent to him as soon as possible.

Major Davis G. Arnold, the newly appointed National Guardianship Officer of the Veterans Bureau served overseas in the Rainbow and Yankee divisions.

The Guardianship Service has been designated to render special assistance in (a), obtaining from the Bureau all that incompetent beneficiaries are entitled to under the law, and (b), checking the administration of the duties of guardians of such Bureau beneficiaries.

There are about 45,000 of these beneficiaries divided into three classes: mentally incompetent service men, aged and incompetent parents or widows, and by far the larger class, the minor children. The proper care of these dependents of our war-dead is a national problem.

Guardianship Officers have been appointed in every State of the Union and are charged with the contacting of every Bureau beneficiary to determine:

1. That guardians render the periodical accounting required by law relative to the disposition of funds of their wards.

2. Whether appearances justify the belief that the ward is the real beneficiary of the award of funds in his favor.

3. Whether any apparent mismanagement of funds, awarded by the Bureau, may be effectively remedied by making appropriate representations to the State Court which appointed this guardian.

Major Arnold is well fitted to handle his great responsibilities in his new work. He is an attorney and was subsequent to the World War managing director of the Near East Relief.

Some of the gang seem to have forgotten that there is a Rainbow luncheon at the Andrews Cafe, Minneapolis, every Wednesday noon. You just have to come a few times before it gets to be a habit and a good habit at that.

Letters of Cyrus Foss Chamberlain

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dose of shrapnel, but to my inexperienced eyes it looked as if they were away off. Another thing is that the first few patrols one doesn't see a quarter of the machines and shells that are there. As for the anti-aircraft, they always shoot at you, but very seldom bring down a plane. They say it is exciting though when they burst close under you, as the concussion makes your plane do some queer involuntary acrobatics.

As I have said before, the sensations in an aeroplane are not in proportion to the danger, which you realize only intellectually. It doesn't come to you with a noise; the roar of your motor drowns everything, and that becomes like silence after a few minutes. You usually don't see the danger until it is on you. Of course the real excitement will come when I mix up with a Boche some day, and the machine guns start popping. At present our job is to keep the Boche photo, artillery, *reglage*, and observation planes on their own side of the fence.

As we learn the game there are all kinds of things to do if a man wants to, especially during attacks. One can drop bombs, attack sausage balloons, shoot up the trenches or organize small expeditions into Germany looking for trouble. I am expecting to have the time of my life, and am happy as a lark to be in it. I hope the feeling lasts.

The French have a very expressive way of saying that a man has lost his nerve—they say that he is *dégoufflé*—deflated like a flat tire. Many men have become *dégoufflé* after they have flown for a certain time, and it is a recognized phenomenon. That is why a man like Guynemer was such a national hero. After bringing down about seventy Boche dead, and being brought down seven times himself, wounded or with his plane badly crippled, he was as full of fight as ever. Yesterday I was told that I was to take a ten-day *permission*. I was much surprised, as I hadn't asked for it, and was not keen to go before I had done some work. We get ten days every three months period. I have never taken one, and a three months period ends January 31st, so I have to take it now or miss it entirely. I have some important shopping to do in Paris in the light of what I have learned about necessities at the front, so I will probably leave for Paris tomorrow. One thing that reconciles me is that with the present weather I shall miss very little flying. It is just about a month since I have had all my clothes off or taken a bath. We have had to melt the water to wash with most of the time. That is a temporary condition, however, as we haven't had supplies to fix our rooms. We have them now, and Johnson and I are papering our room, including ceiling and floor, with two thicknesses of paper, and I will get some kind of gasoline stove that will keep it warm, when I get to Paris; also curtains and other things to make us comfortable. Life is really delightful here, or will be when we get fixed up. We have a room about 10x12 feet, a wash stand, two beds and a table, all home made. There is nothing in the barracks, but dining rooms, small office, and the rooms of the fifteen pilots, including the captain and two lieutenants.

We have absolutely no duties but flying—no discipline except to be here when we are wanted to fly. An orderly brings around a list of the patrols every eve-

ning for the next day. A boy brings in very good coffee at 8:15 or earlier if you have an early patrol. Johnson and I keep condensed milk for coffee, also bread and butter and a little gasoline "pipe," so we lie in bed and make toast and keep the coffee hot. If we want eggs we can order them brought in with the coffee. If it is very cold we stay under the covers and read and talk to our neighbors, Ovington and Parker, through the partition, until ten or so, unless there is flying. We then get up, heat water enough to wash, probably go out to our hangars to see what our mechanics are doing, and look over our machines. *Déjeuner* at 12 o'clock. In the afternoon when not flying we walk into Souilly, or up the road, or visit the hangars or some other escadrille. J. and I usually make chocolate and toast at four o'clock. Dinner at 6:30. The food is good plain food. We have whatever we want and can buy, as we run the mess ourselves. We have an excellent cook and I am gaining all the weight I lost last summer. About five hours every day I am talking aviation with someone or other. It is a subject I never tire of. I feel that my training is just starting. Being a good flyer and a good *chasse* pilot are two different things.

Tyson had an amusing thing happen yesterday which was almost serious. He was on patrol, and several kilometers the other side of the lines, when his motor stopped dead. Luckily he was quite high, so he headed for the lines and started coasting down, making such distance as he could, first firing his machine gun to attract the attention of the patrol leader, who followed him down far enough to see him land. When he got nearly down, the ground below was a network of old and new trenches and was pockmarked with shell holes, and he could not tell where the front line trenches were, nor whether he was landing in French or German territory, but he thought it was German as there were a lot of trenches still ahead of him. He landed, just missing two shell holes, and ran into a bunch of barbed wire, taking off both lower wings, and completely smashing his *coucou*, but didn't hurt himself. Then out of the apparently deserted fields emerged several hundred people, from shell holes, dugouts and trenches, and started for him on the run. He felt very lonely and discouraged, but thought up a greeting in his best German, looked up and waved good-by to the patrol leader, who had come down to 150 meters, and when he looked around saw the most beautiful sight of his life—some sky blue *poilu* uniforms. They took him to a large dugout where two generals were lunching; they invited him to lunch with them and he went from *hors-d'oeuvres*, through roast chicken to *liqueurs*. After they had had a long visit one of the generals sent him back here in his limousine, everybody along the road salaaming at the sight of the general's insignia on the car.

I fear my letters are all about myself and my doings, but you must know that I am interested in the doings at home in direct proportion to the distance I am away. If I should tell you my reactions to the news I get in your letters by the time they got to you you wouldn't know what I am talking about.

Your affectionate son,

Cyrus.

Hotel Meurice, Paris.

January 17, 1918.

Dear Mother: I have been having a de-

lightful *permission* in Paris. Am staying at my old hotel, the Meurice, spending a large portion of my time in the bath tub—I hadn't had my clothes off for a month—seeing the theaters, and eating mostly.

I am in love with Paris and never get tired of watching the people in the cafes and theaters. The American uniforms are as frequent as the French and English now, and they are a fine looking lot of men in them. I spent some time at the United States Aviation headquarters yesterday, had a long talk with Major Gros, a general and some other officers about changing over, and decided not to apply for a commission yet, as they all agreed that the work and experience I am getting is the best thing at present. From the standpoint of a flyer the United States situation is unsatisfactory at present. Some of the boys that applied for commissions in the United States and release from the French have got the release and the commissions are lost at Washington, and they are high and dry until they get them. Even when they come it is a question when they can get back to work again.

Lots of love,

Cyrus.

January 23, 1918.

Dear Mother: I got back to the escadrille yesterday afternoon, spending a night at a town on the way, where I had to change trains, and find things much as they were when I left for Paris, except that the weather is much warmer and the snow is all gone, and life is therefore much easier. I had a wonderful vacation in Paris.

I found some letters today that came while I was gone, and were mislaid with some things of my room-mate, Johnson, who was wounded while I was away. Among them was a letter from you mailed November 24th, and a nice letter from Mrs. Palmer, the mother of my friend who died at Pau. Johnson was out with Ovington, the captain of the escadrille, and another man, a Frenchman, three days ago, flying low, about three thousand feet, some little distance behind the others, when four Boches hopped on him from above and behind. The first one shot a few times and missed. Johnson made a close turn to the rear and the second Boche got in a couple of lucky shots, coming head on from above. One went through Johnson's combination without touching him, the other through his chest, his abdomen and into his thigh without hitting any vital part. He was knocked a bit foolish and his machine went into a straight nose dive with the motor full on. About fifty meters from the ground he came to, pulled up his machine and landed inside our lines, without smashing a thing—got out of the machine to look it over for bullet holes and fainted. They got him on the operating table in half an hour, got the bullet out, and he is getting along very well in a hospital a few miles from here. He will come out of it perfectly all right. Ovington was the only one of the patrol that saw the Boche attack. He turned around to help and was close in when Johnson went down. He followed him till he saw him safely landed. Johnson will be out of the game for several months, three or four weeks hospital, then convalescence wherever he wants to go. He will probably receive both the *Croix de Guerre* and the *Médaille Militaire*, a much coveted decoration, for his splendid nerve in getting out of a bad hole. I am now rooming with Jaquelin, one of the most interesting Frenchmen in the escadrille. As

he talks no English my French will get lots of use. It is coming along nicely though I don't talk fluently by any means—too old to learn.

I am on patrol in the morning so am turning in early.

Your affectionate son,

Cyrus.

January 26, 1918.

Dear Mother: To answer your questions—as you know, I am enlisted voluntarily for the duration of the war in the *Légion Étrangère* (Foreign Legion) of France, serving under the French flag and under the command of French officers only. My immediate officer is the captain of my escadrille, which is a group of fifteen pilots, and over him is the captain commanding the *groupe* of several escadrilles, all located at the same field. The *groupe* is at present attached to one of the French armies for its use in patrolling its front, to keep off Boche planes, etc. Our daily work is patrolling a certain sector of the lines to keep the Boches on their side, and as far back as possible. We do this in groups of several machines. Besides this the individual can do all sorts of things on his own initiative—attack Boche sausage balloons, make voluntary patrols, fly to Berlin and shoot the kaiser if he wishes.

At present we are handicapped for offensive work by having a type of machine not of the fastest, but in a month or so we expect the best thing going. Meanwhile we are getting invaluable experience. By courtesy the French government releases any American who wants to join the United States aviation, and I believe is paid a certain sum to reimburse them for the training. As to allegiance, I don't know the legal status of my citizenship, but do not think it is affected by my enlistment in the French army. Most of the Lafayette Escadrille men have changed to the United States service as majors, captains or first lieutenants. I saw several of them in Paris the other day who did not know what was going to be done with them. Most of them are sufficiently experienced at the front to be invaluable as commanders of new United States escadrilles. The United States doesn't need inexperienced men now, they need old pilots and good machines. I am so happy here that I dread to change at present. In our escadrille, and I imagine it is typical, there is wonderful *esprit* and no discipline for the sake of the discipline. Parker and Ovington have both withdrawn their applications for release and commissions in the United States army, having come to feel the same as I do.

I came in from patrol over the lines yesterday with a small hole in the lower right wing of my plane from a piece of shell from the anti-aircraft guns, just to let me know there is a war going on. Went up today with some others, but the fog on the ground made a patrol both unnecessary and impracticable, as over the lines the ground was invisible. So after playing around a while we came down. Parker and Ovington went for a ten-day leave in Paris today, so with Johnson in the hospital I am the only American in the escadrille, and my French will get lots of use. I wish you could stand with me in front of my door one of these moonlight nights and see the fireworks over the lines. Star-shells to light up the trenches, anti-aircraft shells after the night bombing planes, and balls of fire strung together with little parachutes, that the Boche shoot up for the French planes to run into. I have to pinch myself to decide

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whether I am really here seeing it, after
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Cyrus.

I went over to see Johnson yesterday. He is feeling well and happy, nice nurse who speaks English, and everything cozy. They cut a slit in him forty centimeters long from his chest to his leg, to clean out the bullet's path, and sewed it up again, but it doesn't seem to bother him any. I took him "Lord Jim" to read, which I received from Aunt Carrie.

February 17, 1918.

Dear Mother: As I start writing my first thought is to say that nothing of interest has happened since I wrote last, but that sounds rather droll, when I have been flying over the most fought-over strip of trenches in the world for a couple of hours a day with the *Boches* using up ammunition on me, and the boy I sit next to at the table got killed today. He was a Frenchman named Conby—had four citations in the infantry for brilliant conduct, and had only recently joined the aviation. He fell on the way home from patrol and none of us saw him fall, so we don't know how it happened. He may have been wounded by the anti-aircraft, something may have gone wrong with his machine, or he may simply have made a careless mistake.

We haven't had any combats yet, as at present we are doing "low patrol" with the object of protecting our *réglage* and observation machines and keeping off the *Boche*. They haven't started anything, but if the present good weather continues we may get some sport.

February 18, 1918.

The game gets more fascinating all the time, as practice makes it easy to keep position in the patrol, the flying becomes as natural as walking, and requires no more thought. I now begin to see everything that is going on around us—the first time or two over the lines I saw practically nothing. Tomorrow I am on "high patrol," my first, and am hoping we will have some fun. We will be up about 16,000 feet for over an hour. It is very cold and the flying feels different, the air feels soft and mushy on your controls.

I went to see Johnson at the hospital again. He is expecting to start for home in a couple of weeks for a month's convalescence and I could hardly believe anyone in this world had that much luck coming to him. I imagine myself coming into the Great Northern station some fine day, riding up Nicollet Avenue with you and Dad in the Cadillac, walking in the front door of 2312, and then the big breakfast. Dad and Rog are going to be late getting to the bank that morning I feel, because we will have such a lot of talking to do.

Cyrus.

The next installment of Chamberlain's letters will appear in an early issue.

Sea Gull (to aeroplane following transport): "Hey, leave this ship alone, I'm working this territory."

Editor: "What do you want to see a priest for?"

Reporter: "To get this report confirmed."

1st Drunk (before a polar bear cage in the Zoo): "Whozat lady in there with a white fur coat?"

2nd Drunk: "S'my wife. I petted her and she tried to bite me."

ARMISTICE DAY, 1925

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Finally even these went home and nothing remained but rubbish on the pavements and streets. The greatest celebration of Armistice Day, since the original in 1918, was over.

In commenting afterwards on the lack of hysteria, noisemaking or even ordinary cheering, veteran officials were at a loss. A heavy detail of police downtown had but little to do and the papers called it the largest and most orderly crowd in history. Our only explanation is that the crowd was so large it was afraid of itself.

And while all of Minnesota joined the rest of the world in celebrating Armistice Day, in Chicago, the attorney for Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former director of the U. S. Veterans Bureau who was convicted of conspiracy to defraud and sentenced to two years and a \$10,000 fine, was pleading for his client's release. The Court of Appeals heard four points of legal tomfoolery above the scream of whistles that were marking the anniversary of the end of the war and the beginning of peace time rehabilitations that Forbes saw fit to use for his own gain. What could be a greater paradox?

MARINE CORPS 150 YEARS OLD

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established before their spectacular participation in the battle of Belleau Woods, in France, in June, 1918, when the final German advance was halted.

The Marines have kept pace with the development of the Navy since the early days of the Republic. Many changes in dress, customs and mode of living have come in the century and a half of their existence. The knickerbockers of Washington's time were superseded by the shapeless trousers of the Civil war. Much of the gold braid and other furbelows were dispensed with early in the last century. The three-cornered hat evolved into the kepi of the Civil war and the plain visored cap of today. Helmets, both of cork and steel, had their day and disappeared, and only the broad-brimmed campaign hat and visored cap remain.

Traditions of the Marine Corps, expressed in its slogan, "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful), have not been allowed to tarnish. The organization's inscription, which can be read on the blue and gold banners of the Marines, "From the Shores of Tripoli to the Halls of the Montezumas," describes only truthfully the ubiquity of these versatile "web footed soldiers."

G. W. V. A.

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Commissioners at Ottawa, by our Executive Committee and the following reply has just been received.

Ottawa, October 17, 1925.

F. G. Wright, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn., U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated the 9th instant, I beg to inform you that pensions awarded in respect of disabilities are not affected by the place of residence.

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brought directly home through the dramatization of our historical periods, there is the psychological atmosphere the holiday itself inspires. Therefore, in bringing the two together, we have the invaluable opportunity for arousing the spirit of patriotism and pride for our country.

A permanent committee for the Patriotic Observance of Thanksgiving was created by Mayor L. C. Hodgson in 1918. This committee, composed of one hundred men and women, are representatives of the various civic, patriotic and national groups of the city of St. Paul. The Mayor, Commissioner of Education, Superintendent of Schools and ministers representing the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faith are also members of the committee.

Under its auspices a community celebration is held annually on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving day, at the Municipal Auditorium.

Patriotic community meetings are also conducted by the classes in Americanization for foreigners.

In the Italian district, the principal speaker was an American of Italian blood. Since the majority of those present would not have been able to follow even a simple talk in English, he explained in his native tongue part of our American history and of our American ideals, also the many reasons for our gratitude on Thanksgiving Day.

In the Polish section, a community Thanksgiving dinner was held. This dinner, although arranged by the members of the settlement house, was prepared and served by the women attending the various classes there. They also gave an interesting program of songs and dances and here too the talk on the Patriotic Significance of Thanksgiving was given in Polish by one of their representative men.

It is scarcely necessary to call attention to the spirit of good will and good fellowship these Patriotic community Thanksgiving celebrations arouse, besides providing a timely occasion for bringing home not only to our coming citizens, but to all the ideals of our American principles, over what might be termed a social cup of coffee.

Instead of inviting these strangers in our midst to a patriotic meeting, trying to entertain them with outside speakers and outside talent, they are made to feel that that is their party and we the invited guests.

These programs are not necessarily confined to foreign groups. For the past few years many civic, patriotic and social organizations in St. Paul have held Patriotic Thanksgiving Community meetings in their districts. Besides the regular entertainment, the program includes talks on Americanism or the Patriotic Significance of Thanksgiving. Usually refreshments are served at these rallies.

All clubs not holding special community meeting are asked to include talks on Patriotism during their regular November meeting.

The city is decorated with flags and bunting and our retail stores co-operate by devoting entire windows to scenes representing American history.

Our schools and churches are gradually emphasizing the historical significance of the day.

Our newspapers have heartily assisted in every manner. Prizes are offered for the best scenario for a patriotic Thanksgiving pageant, for suggestions for Patriotic community celebrations and for most artistic historical window displays.

In fact, the entire week of Thanksgiving

is designated as "Americanization or Patriotic Week." We also aim to combine the spirit of community interest with the spirit of National Patriotism.

Although we are endeavoring to emphasize the teaching of our American history and American principles on this typically American holiday, we do not overlook the religious element nor our consideration of the needy. In fact, the patriotic celebration of the day affords an opportunity for the spiritual and mental development of the true American spirit, for the thoughts that effect our souls are bound to leave in their wake seeds which will lead to higher thoughts and, therefore, bring us closer to our God.

As Shakespeare says through Hamlet, "The play's the thing wherein I'll catch the conscience of the king," so can we through historic pageantry, patriotic community celebrations and patriotic school programs, reach the soul of America and arouse a greater spirit of patriotism, loyalty, gratitude, as well as a deeper love and respect for our country and for its constitution.

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State of Minnesota, County of Hennepin—ss.

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N. B. Barron Post, G.A.R., Waterville, 1 P. M.
Gen'l Shields Post, G.A.R., Shakopee
Millam-Magnuson Post, V.F.W., 23d & Central, Mpls.
Gopher Post, V.F.W., New Prague

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Robson Post, G.A.R., Albert Lea
John A. Rawlins Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
John S. Marsh Post, G.A.R., Redwood Falls
Jos. Garrison Post, G.A.R., Dodge Center
F. M. Harrington Post, G.A.R., Hutchinson
Ambrose Kelly Post, V.F.W., 1st Ave. N.E. & 2nd St., Mpls.
Granite Post, V.F.W., A. O. U. W. Hall, St. Cloud
Gen'l Sam'l G. Sturgis Garrison, Army and Navy Union, Old Capitol, St. Paul

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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A. E. Welch Post, G.A.R., Red Wing
John A. Diz Post, G.A.R., Luverne
Hamilton Fish Camp, U.S.W.V. Post Chapel, Fort Snelling
E. P. Alexander Post, V.F.W., Court House, Duluth
Clarence Stowe Post, V.F.W., Glendorado

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Jas. Canfield Post, G.A.R., Glenwood
E. B. Gibbs Post, G. A. R., White Bear
J. L. Heywood Post, G.A.R., Northfield, 2 P. M.
Arthur McArthur Camp, U.S.W.V., Court House, Mpls.
Walter H. Strand Post, V.F.W., Armory, Mankato
George R. Wolff Post, V.F.W., City Hall, Hopkins
Nagel-Howard Post, V.F.W., 1325 Summit, St. Paul
Cyrus Chamberlain Post, V.F.W., Minnetonka Beach
Minneapolis V.F.W. Drum Corps, West High School
Morton Pup Tent, M.O.C., Morton

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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Seward Post, G.A.R., Pelican Rapids
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Frank Daggett Post, G.A.R., Litchfield
John Ball Post, G.A.R., Winona
Garfield Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
McPherson Post, G.A.R., Benson
Burnside Post, G.A.R., Kasson
Stoddard Post, G.A.R., Worthington, 2 P. M.
A. K. Skaro Post, G.A.R., St. Peter, 2 P. M.
Jas. A. Goodwin Post, G.A.R., Owatonna, 2 P. M.
Robt. L. McCook Post, G.A.R., Glencoe
J. G. Whittemore Post, G.A.R., Villard
Lytle Post, G.A.R., Brownston
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L. H. Tenney Post, G.A.R., Moorhead
Booth Post, G.A.R., Grand Meadow, 2 P. M.
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Ransom Post, G.A.R., Wells
Jos. Orcutt Post, G.A.R., West Concord
H. R. Carr Post, G.A.R., Bemidji, 2 P. M.
D. F. Markham Post, G.A.R., Marshall
Geo. H. Thomas Post, G.A.R., Montevideo
Sully Post, G.A.R., Blue Earth, 2 P. M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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Worth Bagley Camp, U.S.W.V., Old Capitol, St. Paul
A. R. Patterson Post, V.F.W., Court House, Minneapolis
Tracy Post, V.F.W., V. F. W. Hall, Tracy
Ivan D. Fulkerson Post, V.F.W., Veteransville

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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Jacob Schaefer Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
James Balletine Post, V.F.W., Calhoun Club, Minneapolis
Freemond Madison Post, V.F.W., Albert Lea
Henry J. Wuest Post, V.F.W., Armory, Anoka
Oscar & John Sobert Post, V.F.W., Lakeville
St. Paul Chapter, Rainbow Division, Old Capitol, St. Paul

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Muller-Crook Post, G.A.R., Stillwater, 2:30 P. M.
Dudley P. Chase Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Buzzell Post, G.A.R., Annandale
John G. McEwen Camp, U.S.W.V. Mem. Hall, Duluth
Clarence Miller Camp, U.S.W.V., Winona
M. M. Carleton Post, V.F.W., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Donald H. Skitmore Post, V.F.W., Fort Snelling
Minneapolis Chapter, Rainbow Division, Armory, Mpls.
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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C. K. Davis Post, G.A.R., Olivia
Patrick Gallagher Post, V.F.W., City Hall, S. St. Paul

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C. Summers Post, G.A.R., Canby
A. J. Overton Post, G.A.R., Morris
A. C. Collins Post, G.A.R., Clearwater
Ben Franklin Post, G.A.R., Morton, 1:30 P. M.
Lisle-Russell Post, V.F.W., Armory, Hastings

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Clark Hanson Post, V.F.W., Canby
American Women's Overseas League, Dixie Coffee Shop,
Builders Exchange, Minneapolis

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 "REMEMBER THE MAINE"

John S. Marsh Post, G.A.R., Redwood Falls
F. M. Harrington Post, G.A.R., Hutchinson
Ambrose Kelly Post, V.F.W., 1st Ave. N. E. & 2nd St., Mpls.
St. Paul Pup Tent, M. O. C., St. Paul
Gen'l Sam'l G. Sturgis Garrison, Army and Navy Union,
Old Capitol, St. Paul

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Hamilton Fish Camp, U.S.W.V., Post Chapel, Fort Snelling
E. P. Alexander Post, V.F.W., Court House, Duluth

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Arthur McArthur Camp, U.S.W.V., Court House, Mpls.
Frank Patzwald Post, V.F.W., Liberty Hall, Morton
Napoleon-Dupre Post, V.F.W., 21 N. 21st Ave. W., Duluth
Walter H. Strand Post, V.F.W., Armory, Mankato
George R. Wolff Post, V.F.W., City Hall, Hopkins
Nagel-Howard Post, V.F.W., 1325 Summit, St. Paul
Cyrus Chamberlain Post, V.F.W., Minnetonka Beach
Minneapolis V.F.W. Drum Corps, West High School

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

John A. Diz Post, G.A.R., Luverne
Geo. N. Morgan Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Acker Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Custer Post, G.A.R., Rochester
Halvorson-Bowers Post, V.F.W., Norway Hall, 2922
Cedar Ave., Minneapolis
Russell Gaylord Post, V.F.W., Dupont and West Broadway,
Minneapolis
Jos. A. Erwin Post, V.F.W., 508 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul
Henry Rathert Post, V.F.W., Mora

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

U.S.W.V. Quarterly Department Council Meeting, Duluth
Rainbow Division Reunion and Banquet, Curtis Hotel,
Minneapolis
Garfield Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Alex Wilkin Post, G.A.R., Mankato
Frank Daggett Post, G.A.R., Litchfield
John Ball Post, G.A.R., Winona
Jas. A. Goodwin Post, G.A.R., Owatonna, 2 P. M.
D. F. Markham Post, G.A.R., Marshall
Geo. H. Thomas Post, G.A.R., Montevideo
Sully Post, G.A.R., Blue Earth, 2 P. M.
Robt. L. McCook Post, G.A.R., Glencoe
Burnside Post, G.A.R., Kasson
Stoddard Post, G.A.R., Worthington, 2 P. M.
J. G. Whittemore Post, G.A.R., Villard
A. K. Skaro Post, G.A.R., St. Peter, 2 P. M.
Lytle Post, G.A.R., Brownston
A. J. Overton Post, G.A.R., Morris
Emery Upton Post, G.A.R., Browns Valley
E. S. Frazier Post, G.A.R., Park Rapids, 1 P. M.
Stanard Post, G.A.R., Motley
H. R. Carr Post, G.A.R., Bemidji, 2 P. M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

F. W. Halstead Post, G.A.R., Excelsior
Worth Bagley Camp, U. S. W. V., Old Capitol, St. Paul
A. R. Patterson Post, V.F.W., Court House, Minneapolis
Ivan D. Fulkerson Post, V.F.W., Veteransville

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Jacob Schaefer Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
James Ballentine Post, V.F.W., Calhoun Club, Minneapolis
Tracy Post, V.F.W., V. F. W. Hall, Tracy
Freemond-Madison Post, V. F. W., Albert Lea
Henry J. Wuest Post, V.F.W., Armory, Anoka
Oscar & John Sobert Post, V.F.W., Lakeville

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Dudley P. Chase Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
John G. McEwen Camp, U.S.W.V., Memorial Hall, Duluth
Donald H. Skidmore Post, V.F.W., Fort Snelling
M. M. Carleton Post, V.F.W., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Minneapolis Chapter, Rainbow Division, Armory, Mpls.
Minneapolis Branch, Great War Veterans of Canada, Rad-
isson Hotel, Minneapolis
Flour City Pup Tent, M.O.C., 43 S. 4th St., Minneapolis

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

B. R. Palmer Post, G.A.R., Sauk Center
Chas. E. Bond Camp, U.S.W.V., Court House, Minneapolis
151st Field Artillery Post, V.F.W., Armory, Mpls.
Greeder Hines Post, V. F. W., Stillwater
Minneapolis V.F.W. Drum Corps, West High School

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Appomatox Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Billy Mortimer Post, G.A.R., Minneapolis
Ramsey County Council, V.F.W., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Patrick Gallagher Post, V.F.W., City Hall, S. St. Paul

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

J. S. Cady Post, G.A.R., Anoka, 1:30 P. M.
Garfield Post, G.A.R., Old Capitol, St. Paul
Willis A. Gorman Post, G.A.R., Duluth
John Ball Post, G.A.R., Winona
J. B. Culver Post, G.A.R., Duluth
Sully Post, G.A.R., Blue Earth, 2 P. M.
Phil Kearney Post, G.A.R., Fairmont
Pap Thomas Post, G.A.R., Brainerd, 3 P. M.
Workman Post, G.A.R., Little Falls
J. G. Whittemore Post, G.A.R., Villard
Jas. Clabaugh Post, G.A.R., Winnebago City
La Grange Post, G.A.R., Windom
Frank P. Blair Post, G.A.R., Ortonville
C. Summers Post, G.A.R., Canby
Rushford Post, G.A.R., Rushford
A. J. Overton Post, G.A.R., Morris
C. Fairchild Post, G.A.R., Dawson
A. J. Murphy Post, G.A.R., Lake Crystal
Lisle-Russell Post, V.F.W., Armory, Hastings

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Veteran Legislation in Minnesota for 1925

VETERAN organizations in Minnesota during 1925 expended much time and thought in enacting legislative changes that tend to better the condition of the service man. When we stop to consider that the war ended seven years ago and there are 26,430 veterans who lie today in American hospitals battling for life, the need for this work is apparent. There are other startling figures. Disability compensation is at present being paid to 211,644 veterans of the World War and 21.7 per cent of these men have tuberculosis. Mental disabilities are close to tuberculosis with 21.1 per cent.

Last year there were 522 amputation cases in hospitals that resulted in the loss of both arms or both legs. Walter Reed Hospital, one of the 54 Veterans Bureau institutions, has one veteran who has been operated upon 49 times and another 27 times. On June 30 of last year there were 30,479 beds available in hospitals and for every bed, a waiting list. Four new hospitals are to be erected this year, one of which will be located at Fort Snelling. But the alarming fact is that hospitalization work in 1925 was increasing.

The death rate figures are the most startling. Over 30,000 veterans have "gone west" since January 1st, 1925, according to the Veterans Bureau records. That means an average of 82 deaths a day in the United States that are attributed to war causes. And this figure is that of the reported deaths only. The true statistics can only be a matter of conjecture.

Legislation enacted by Congress last year in many respects was most liberal. But much more can and must be done to alleviate the suffering of our disabled men. Liberalization of the present acts is necessary and important in completely rehabilitating and re-establishing the veteran. To this end the following resolutions were passed by the Minnesota veteran organizations last year:

A resolution requesting amendment to Section 406, World War Veterans Act, providing for the removal of limitation date with reference to final termination of training.

Urging decentralization of all activities and authority for decision concerning training and rehabilitation and providing for an advisory committee other than employees of the Bureau to review the case of the claimant before rehabilitation.

Urging that Group Equipment be allowed to remain on the various projects, as long as necessity exists, or until it can be purchased by the trainee.

Requesting complete decentralization of authority to Rehabilitation Survey Groups.

Requesting amendment to Section 404, eliminating the last clause thereof, to read as follows: "Section 404; The test of rehabilitation shall be employability to be de-

termined by the Director. The allowance for maintenance and support provided by this title shall be payable for two months after the employability of the rehabilitated person is determined."

Requesting the amendment of Section 403, providing for the removal of limitation dates for entering vocational training.

Requesting amendment to Section 401, providing for dependency allowance for parents.

Requesting amendment to Section 304, providing option to disabled veterans of re-instating their government insurance by placing lien of back premiums on policy.

Requesting amendment to Section 304, to change date for re-instatement of government insurance by disabled veterans.

Requesting amendment to Section 300, to provide automatic application of accrued dividends to payment of additional dividends to payment of additional government insurance. Amended to provide that the disability provision on government insurance be increased from \$5.75 per month to \$10.00 per month and that the principal sum of \$1,000.00 be held intact and paid at death to the beneficiary to correspond with old line life insurance companies.

Providing for advisory Board for rehabilitated men who are not satisfied with termination of training.

Requesting removal of limitation dates with reference to retroactive compensation.

Requesting the removal of all limitation dates within which to make application for compensation.

Requesting amendment to Section 202 (10) providing for out-patient and dispensary treatment to all ex-service men, regardless of the nature of the service-connection of their disability.

Requesting the amendment of Section 202 (7) providing that reinstatement of full compensation shall be paid claimants after discharge from hospital for psychotics.

Requesting amendment to Section 202 (4) to provide schedule of minimum ratings.

Requesting amendment to Section 202, Sub-section 3, providing same dependency allowance to permanent total cases as to temporary total cases.

Requesting amendment to Section 201 to increase allowance to dependents of deceased claimants.

Requesting amendment to Section 200, providing that conclusive presumption of soundness at enlistment shall apply to all congenital defects and mental or physical ailments not noted.

Requesting amendment to the first proviso of Section 200, as to presumptive service aggravation of misconduct disabilities where contracted before or during military service.

Requesting amendment to the second proviso of Section 200, providing presump-

tive service-connection of organic and constitutional diseases of indefinite origin and of slow, gradual or insidious development.

Requesting amendment to Section 200, providing that conclusive presumption of soundness at enlistment shall be binding only on the government.

Requesting amendment to Section 24, providing that veterans who were discharged from the draft after several days of military service shall nevertheless be entitled to benefits of the rebuttable presumptions of service connection and of compensation provided for under Section 200 of said Act.

Requesting amendment of Section 202 (6) providing retroactive reimbursement for emergency treatment of all service-connected disabilities.

Requesting elimination of all limitation dates in the World War Veterans Act, 1924.

Requesting codification of all Regulations, General Orders, Legal Opinions, etc., of the Veterans Bureau.

Providing for the transfer of war explosives to the Veterans Bureau for distribution to disabled veterans on project training.

Requesting that deductions for recovery of over-payments be limited to 25 per cent of total monthly compensation due to veteran.

Requesting continuation of decentralization to Regional Offices and urging complete decentralization.

Requesting evaluation of evidence from equitable rather than legal and technical point of view.

Providing for more liberal compensation for non-feasible cases.

Requesting amendment to Section 19, providing for attorney's fees on insurance suits to be made part of judgment.

Requesting amendment to Section 23, to modify the provision with reference to conscientious objectors.

Requesting declaration of policy by Veterans Bureau as to retrospective medical reasoning.

Requesting amendment to the State Law regarding the provision and erection of headstones over veterans' graves, with the recommendation that the allowance be increased to \$35.00.

Requesting the adoption of a graduated retirement in the U. S. Army.

Requesting that veterans be employed in Soldiers Homes and Hospitals, if competent, in preference to civilians.

All of these resolutions will reach Congress this year. They are the result of much study and work on the part of the veterans organizations in this state. While many phases of the veteran's problem may have been overlooked, if these changes are enacted by Congress a huge step will have been taken in rehabilitating the veteran. The "Minnesota Veteran" will watch with great interest the result of these suggestions to our Congressmen.

Letters of Cyrus Foss Chamberlain

March 1, 1918.

Dear Mother: Orders came this morning to pack up and move tomorrow to another part of the front. Up to this time we have been attached to the second army for the protection of their lines, *reglage planes*, etc., but are now to be formed into an independent *groupe de combat* with some other escadrilles, and our work will be more interesting still. We will have the latest things in planes, also, which is always with the flyer the all important question. It will probably be some time before we get settled and down to business again. Moving an escadrille and changing machines is quite an undertaking. All our belongings will be piled into our trucks, and we ourselves will fly away to our new home. If I don't get back here I will always be glad to have flown over this sector (Verdun), the most famous in the history of the war. A couple of days ago, on high patrol with another pilot, I had a very exceptional view of a great stretch of the front, as the visibility was extraordinary for this climate. I was a little over five thousand meters up and could see Toul, St. Mihiel, Bar-le-Duc, Verdun, down the Marne way to Chalons, many kilometres down the Meuse, *chez les Boches* and the forest of the Argonne. Also countless hills, forts, and towns whose names are now familiar to the whole world, lay under a single glance of the eye, and at the same time the air was so clear that the streets and houses in the towns below me were easily distinguishable.

Don't worry about getting news if I should be hurt or the care I should get. As I have said before, you would immediately be cabled in case of accident to me, and I am surrounded by friends who would see that everything possible was done, both for me and to keep you informed. I am sure it would be a comfort to you if you could understand the very exceptional position we are in in that respect. We have all the liberty, publicity, comforts and care of a very small *corps d'elite*, and another thing of importance is that if we get hurt or killed several thousand people usually see it happen, whereas in the infantry the chances are that you get wounded or killed during an attack, and are one of a large number in the same case, so facilities for taking care of you are apt to be crowded, and the people around you have other things to do anyway. Of course if we are brought down in Germany that is another thing, but nothing can be done to make that a pleasant experience. So far I have had very exceptional good luck—haven't even had a smash—and I think it will stay with me.

We had quite a ceremony here the other day. Johnson came over from the hospital in an auto, the officers, pilots and mechanics of the escadrilles here lined up in full dress regalia, and the Commandant of the *Aeronautique* of the Second Army got Johnson, much embarrassed, out in front and delivered a little speech, in which he handed him, and also the rest of us Americans in the escadrille, some bouquets, then pinned the *Croix de Guerre* and the *Medaille Militaire* on Johnson's breast. Then inevitably as on all such occasions, the officers and pilots adjourned to our *popot* and drank to Johnson's health in champagne. He is one of about four or five Americans living to have the *Medaille Militaire*, I think. Among other things, it carries with it a pension for the rest of his life, of a small amount per year. He is



Sergeant Cyrus Chamberlain

the happiest man alive at present, and is about to be evacuated to the American hospital at Neuilly.

Vernon Booth, one of my best friends over here (he was on the boat with me, you remember), just got a *Boche*, so I feel we have started to settle accounts for the ones we lost. Baylies also got one the other day and Lochran, unfortunately, was recently killed.

A new set of food restrictions have recently gone into effect in Paris. The restaurants can serve, as I understand it, no sugar, no milk or cream after 9 A. M., nothing to eat from 2:30 to 6:30, and where the bill for a meal is 6 francs or more the dishes per person are limited to one soup, oysters of *hors-d'oeuvres*, two main dishes, and dessert. In no case can uncooked butter be served, the making or selling of pastry or cakes is forbidden, also desserts with milk or flour. Fortunately the French could get up an attractive meal of several courses with nothing but a little hay and some seasoning to start with. As for us in the escadrille, we get more to eat than we need, though we never see a good many of the things considered staples in peace times. War bread, potatoes, beans, brussels sprouts, macaroni, cheese, beef, soup, sardines, sausage, stewed fruit, (occasionally) butter, green salad, eggs, about make up the list of available materials, and besides that we buy some trimmings such as chocolate, candy, condensed milk, figs, etc.

Health and morale perfect.

CYRUS.

Bar-le-Duc, March 7, 1918.

Dear Mother: I think the last letter I wrote you we had just received orders to move on to another sector. We were delayed three or four days on account of bad weather, snow and rain, and after packing all our belongings in trucks ready to move, we had to stay on at S—eating our meals at other escadrilles. We finally got off the day before yesterday morning, the pilots in aeroplanes, and the other hundred or so non-flying attaches in trucks and automobiles. We all made the voyage

safely but our Captain, who had motor trouble just after leaving the ground, and smashed, and is now thinking it over in the hospital. He will be alright in a couple of days. We were supposed to fly down in two groups, but we all had different ideas of the best way to go, so Parker and I headed off alone and had a pleasant hour's flight. I was ahead and didn't know exactly where our new field was, so when we got to the vicinity I landed at the first aviation field I saw. Parker was after me and we found we were only a couple of kilometres from our destination. We smoked a cigarette, then took the air and hopped over to our new home. As the trucks with our bedding, etc., would not arrive till the next day, we all (the pilots) ran into C—and spent the night and most of the next day there—hot bath, big dinner, regular bed. Ran back to camp yesterday afternoon in the auto, and started fixing up my room. In our new barracks each pilot has a little room to himself. We are much more comfortable and in a far more pleasant location than at S—. Will describe it later as I am writing this on the run.

Cyrus.

March 14, 1918.

Dear Mother: The place where we are now situated is delightful compared with the old one. There are several escadrilles here forming a *groupe de combat*, and we will probably stay together indefinitely as a group. There are several other Americans in the escadrille next to mine whom I know, which is of course pleasant. The Lafayette Escadrille is here also, but not connected with our group as we are now in the American army. One of them, Collins, was just killed a couple of days ago. Also a very good friend of mine, Wallie Winters of Chicago, who was in an escadrille about four miles from here. Also Tommy Hitchcock who roomed with me at Plessy-Belleville is missing, but may be a prisoner in Germany. I hope so, as he is a delightful chap, only 18 years old I believe,—too young to get killed, certainly.

Have been flying quite a bit as the weather has been perfect,—clear and warm, and am enjoying myself thoroughly. Day before yesterday did a two hour patrol over the lines in the morning, and in the afternoon there was an alarm of *Boche* machines on the way to Paris (false alarm), so I went up with some others and did another hour and three-quarters, flying high, in the hope of meeting some of the bombing machines. We flew most of the way to Paris and back. I had an interesting time today flying over a French *coup de main*. A *coup de main* is a small local attack, usually for the purpose of taking a few prisoners, to get information and find out what regiments are in a certain sector. We arrived over the lines at about 3000 meters, shortly before the curtain fire started on the short stretch of trench which was being attacked. It had all the appearance of a sure enough battle, though from where I sat it was very much in miniature. We were much too high to see what was going on, but what I did see was a real "curtain" of smoke rising from the trench being shelled. Usually the only signs of activity I see on the ground are isolated occasional puffs of smoke where a big shell is bursting.

For the rest, the lines look like a grayish yellow streak across the country, cut up by a perfect network of trenches, some

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The Army Adopts the Roll Collar

ALTHOUGH poets allege that the public remains indifferent to the army and its welfare until the drums begin to roll, newspaper records show that its interest rises whenever army questions transcend the routine. Anyway, the public has not stood aloof during the coat collar controversy. The uniform of our military officers has for as long as middle-aged persons can remember been distinguished by the upstanding collar band. The easy civilian-like roll collar, with soft shirt and four-in-hand showing at the neck, is a recent British institution, hence its adoption may be construed by isolationists as a hands-across-the-sea gesture, a wink at the League of Nations or some other sly and insidious form of internationalist propaganda.

It is bad enough, in the view of cautious patriots, for the navy, which has ever been distinguished by a broad and tolerant cosmopolitanism, to adopt the roll collar, increasing the resemblance of its uniform to the British as well as the French type. Taking advantage of this concession, army aviators then protested that the choke collar hampered their movements in the plane and so they recently obtained the privilege of wearing the roll collar.

Since that time the officers in the other branches of the army have been pulling wires for the change. The regulars have endorsed it and now the militia bureau is polling the National Guard. Forty-six states have indicated that 80 per cent of guard officers are for the roll collar. When the returns from all the states are in, the chief of the bureau will transmit his report to the Secretary of War, who, relieved of all moral responsibility, will automatically carry out the wishes of the wearers, and the roll collar—which was used in the Revolution and in the Civil War—will become an accomplished fact regardless of charges of Anglomania in the service.

The choker, nevertheless, has champions of high rank, notably General Pershing, who stood loyally by it as long as he was in active service.

General George Washington wore a roll collar, and so did General Grant—although Civil War uniforms could be buttoned up for a standing collar and furled back for a roll collar. The choker may look smart, but it renders the throat sensitive and has long been vigorously condemned by army medical men.

The band collar, it may be said, has had a long and honorable history in the American service, dating from the beginning of the last century. It was one of the many innovations and experiments of an age of military glory, when Napoleon cast a romantic glamor over the business of fighting that still causes intense annoyance to pacifists. A casual investigation reveals the fact, not generally suspected, that the army has never been particularly loyal to any one style of uniform.

Even the Continental blue was a slow development. Many regiments wore brown in the earlier years of the Revolution and most of Washington's enlisted men retained the comfortable hunting suit of the backwoods, with its fringed shirt and long trousers. Our navy officers at one time wore green. In all our services the scarlet coat, so distinctive of the British, has the longest history. It was used by the drummers and fiers of the Continental Army.

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The Need of a Fort Snelling Chapel

By Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, U. S. A.

FORMER service men of veteran organizations are not so far removed from military service but that they can appreciate, perhaps in fuller measure than their civilian associates who have never been in the army, the meagre provision which is made for patriotic, religious and social activities in the army. During the years of the Great War members of the military service were conscious all the time of the distressing limitations in this direction, and they saw Army Chaplains handicapped day after day because of the lack of necessary facilities for their department.

That sort of thing may have been excusable during the strenuous days of warfare, but that it should continue at army garrisons located in the midst of prosperous communities in America is almost incredible and manifests negligence upon the part of American citizenry in general which is not at all flattering—to say the least.

Hundreds, and even thousands, of Minnesota citizens have almost been startled during the past year and a half when they have been made aware of the fact that Minnesota's historic garrison at Fort Snelling has never had a decent house for worship; and that no provision has ever been made for social, patriotic, religious and inspirational work; that with an average population of 1,500 soldiers, 200 children, and 300 women, the Chaplain and the Priest, who ministers to the Catholic members of the garrison, are constantly under the necessity of re-arranging a dance-hall or a motion picture house which would hardly be considered respectable in any well broomed town, for their Sunday services.

Few people realize that it is impracticable, inadvisable and even impossible for the government to provide funds for the construction of suitable places of worship at army garrisons. Some 40,000 soldiers are now living under canvas, or are quartered in cantonment buildings which are far from comfortable and totally inadequate. Until a generous nation has made provision for the physical well-being of its soldiers, it is not quite to be expected that it will build chapels, libraries and social centers for them.

A group of influential business men of the Twin Cities have generously offered to assist in remedying this distressing situation so far as Fort Snelling is concerned. Practically every patriotic, religious and social organization in the entire state has heartily endorsed the project, and a number have already made donations, while others have pledged their financial support. Committees of business and professional men and women are being organized for a campaign to be conducted on the week of February 7-14th, inclusive, 1926. The amount needed is one hundred thousand dollars.

This project is a challenge not to the people of the Twin Cities alone, it is large enough and good enough to challenge the citizenry of the entire state and the empire of the great Northwest, whose young men attend the Summer Training Camps at Fort Snelling from year to year. To fall below the required amount will be a failure on the part of the citizens of Minnesota to measure up to the challenge of as fine an opportunity as has ever come their way. The chapel at Fort Snelling will indeed fulfill

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And the Plan for Erecting One

THAT the Fort Snelling Chapel project deserves the assistance of every veteran in Minnesota is an assured fact. The question of how such aid may be rendered is the next step. The answer is, by donating your bit and interesting others to do the same. At the end of this article is a coupon. Tear it out, sign it for any amount from a dollar up and address the envelope to the *Minnesota Veteran*, 513 So. 3rd St., Minneapolis. We will acknowledge your subscription in the next issue. Simple, isn't it?

A little more work is entailed in the part of interesting others outside your organization. The plan that has been outlined is to have the veteran organizations in each community unite in sponsoring a mass meeting with invitations issued to the city's other clubs and associations. At such meetings the speakers would be sent by the general committee to address the gathering and start the ball rolling. Such men as Chaplain Rideout, Rev. Roy L. Smith, Rev. P. E. Osgood, and many others are available for this service.

In our opinion a great honor has been done the veteran organizations in Minnesota in asking that we take the initiative in organizing the meetings that will help put our communities over the top. It certainly speaks highly of our reputation for doing things well. And to fall down on the job would be unthinkable.

Keep these facts in mind. The Fort was established more than a hundred years ago and during that time has never had a chapel. One makeshift after another has been used. For a time services were held in an abandoned junk room and at present they are being held in a temporary structure of wood and compo board that serves likewise as a library, recreation center and hostess house.

The proposed chapel is to be a substantial structure of quiet beauty in keeping with the atmosphere of the Fort. It will provide equally well for the worship of Protestant, Catholic and Jew, as it will be used by all groups. The building will also include club rooms, library and facilities for a community center.

The drive to raise the necessary fund of \$100,000 will be launched February 7. Meanwhile it will be necessary to lay your plans to hold the meeting in your town. When the date is set write Chaplain Rideout at Fort Snelling and he will arrange for your speakers.

Minnesota is to have the honor of erecting the first chapel that has been built in the United States since the World War. All in favor of the movement will sign below.

In consideration of the gifts of others, I hereby pledge to the Building Fund for the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and

Community Center..... dollars, payable (March 1, 1926), (Sept. 1, 1926), (check inclosed).

Name

Address

Organization

Unit No.

Make checks payable to Sumner T. McKnight, Treasurer.

EDITORIALS

A ton of talk weighs less than nothing, if it isn't backed by action.—Theodore Roosevelt.

DWIGHT F. DAVIS, newly appointed Secretary of War deserves the title of "veteran" nearer than any other man who has held that portfolio since 1869 when Wm. Tecumseh Sherman was Secretary. In addition he is the first secretary of any department to wear the Distinguished Service Cross.

Secretary Davis' war record is a brilliant one. He was in London in 1916 as a member of the American relief commission when the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany. Boarding the first available ship he returned to St. Louis in time to be one of the first to volunteer after the declaration of war. Volunteering as a private in the fifth regiment, Missouri National Guard, he was elected captain of Company L by his comrades.

The 5th Missouri became the 12th regiment of infantry of the 35th Division and was ordered overseas. Meanwhile Davis had become a major and assistant chief of staff of the division. He served in the St. Mihiel drive and the Argonne and was twice cited for bravery. His final promotion was that of lieutenant colonel, received shortly after the Argonne. However, his great moment came just six weeks before the Armistice. The following citation of the D. S. C. tells the tale: "Dwight F. Davis, lieutenant colonel infantry, then major, general staff corps, assistant chief of staff, 35th division, for extraordinary heroism in action between Baulny and Chauldron Farm, France, September 29-30, 1918. After exposure to severe shelling and machine gun fire for three days, during which time he displayed rare courage and devotion to duty, Major Davis, then adjutant 69th infantry brigade, voluntarily and in the face of intense enemy machine-gun and artillery fire, proceeded to various points in his brigade sector, assisted in reorganizing positions and in replacing units of the brigade, this self-imposed duty necessitating continued exposure to concentrated enemy fire.

"September 30, 1918, learning that a strong counter-attack had been launched by the enemy against Baulny Ridge and was progressing successfully, he voluntarily organized such special duty men as could be found and with them rushed forward to reinforce the line under attack, exposing himself with such coolness and great courage that his conduct inspired the troops in this crisis and enabled them to hold on in the face of vastly superior numbers."

ANOTHER warning has had to be issued by the Veterans Bureau against the attempt to sell or borrow upon Adjusted Compensation certificates that have been issued. Until the expiration of two years after the date of the certificates there is no loan value upon them. After that time any bank is authorized to loan an amount not in excess of the loan value printed upon the face of the certificate.

Unless a loan is made in accordance with the provisions of the act, the certificate becomes wholly void and no right to payment of the benefits of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act may be received by the veteran.

Applications for the bonus have been received from four out of every five who are eligible to receive it. And

they have come from every corner of the world. There seems to be no habitable part of the globe in which former U. S. service men can not be found. Yet approximately 21 per cent or around 700,000 men have not applied.

NO man or woman in London may legally buy a cheese sandwich or ice cream at night.

That is part of the farcical condition created because the clauses of the defense of the realm act, put in force eight years ago, during the great war, have not yet been abrogated.

Agitation is now current in parliament to have the regulations changed. Meanwhile, here are some things no one may do after 8 p. m.

Buy cigars, cigarettes or tobacco, even at a hotel, unless a meal is ordered at the same time, and all tobacco so ordered, consumed before leaving the premises.

Buy mint sauce or meat extract without a medical certificate.

Buy a magazine.

Buy grapes or bananas.

Buy a tin of corned beef, although the dealer may sell the contents by removing them from the tin.

Buy a tin of baby's milk food unless the infant is fed on the premises where the purchase is made.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE MONTH

The Dirigible; a Bad Actor

IN THE LIGHT of discussions of American experience with dirigibles, marked by loss of the Roma, ZR-2 and the Shenandoah, and of speculations concerning the future efficacy of the rigid airship for war or commercial purposes, history of German use of the Zeppelins during the World war is interesting and valuable.

Germany went into the World War with three Zeppelins built and ready for service. Before the armistice was signed 66 more had been constructed. The ships grew in size and efficiency as the Germans became more familiar with their operation and problems of structure.

Most of the Zeppelins were operated under direction of the Navy because of their vulnerability to airplane attack on land. Of the 61 ships in the navy command only six were still in condition for service when the war ended. Seventeen were destroyed by enemy action; 24 were destroyed or crippled and captured as the result of bad weather; four were burned and 10 were out of repair and deemed unsafe. Bad weather proved to be the worst enemy of the rigid. Eleven of the ships participated in an assault on England in October, 1917. Five were lost, all as the result of weather conditions.

Even the experiences of the United States are less significant of the engineering difficulties to be encountered in dirigible construction. The Germans had the misfortune with L-1, lost in a storm in 1913 with most of its crew, and behavior of other craft to guide them. But in spite of this and all the feverish activity of experimentation to which the war spurred them they were unable to make their lighter-than-air craft even reasonably safe against storms. The L-1 was a plaything of the elements in 1913 and so were the ships which participated in the raids on England five years later. That is one reason why the Shenandoah's fate caused less surprise and consternation among those familiar with the history of dirigible aviation than it did among the people as a whole.—*St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

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21 MANKATO G. A. R. MEN STILL CARRY ON

VACANT chairs that have become more numerous each year have not dimmed the activity of the Alexander Wilkin Post of the Grand Army of the Republic which today conducts its meetings in the same spirit that characterized the organization's gatherings through its 49 years of existence.

Of the group of 27 men who gathered here in 1876, none are alive today, and of the membership of 150 to which the Post grew at one time, which made it the largest in the state, but 21 veterans remain.

In the destruction of the Odd Fellows building here in 1897, the original charter and the Post records were swept away. A new charter was granted the organization 28 years ago, and of the original members of this second charter there remains alive but one veteran, Colonel George Mead. The colonel also is the only surviving member of Company E, Ninth Minnesota regiment.

There has been one death, that of Comrade George Swift in 1925. The Post is regarded here as one of the more influential organizations of the city, around which have been built associations that bind the new age with the old.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY GETTYSBURG CIRCLE

OFFICERS of Gettysburg Circle No. 10, Ladies of the G. A. R., elected for the ensuing year, Mrs. Mae Quinn, President; Mrs. Florence de Camp, Sr. Vice President; Mrs. Cora Lockry, Jr. Vice President; Mrs. Cora McCullum, Treasurer; Mrs. Lucy Sawyer, Chaplain; Mrs. Maud Mendenhall, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Mabel McDonald, Conductress, and Mrs. Elva Torrey, Guard.

Headquarters DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA Grand Army of the Republic St. Paul, Minn.

General Order No. 5, Series 1925-26.

The following named Comrades have been commissioned as Aides on the Department Commander's Staff. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Allen Huey, Post No. 1.
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O. H. Case, Post No. 72.

By Order of:

W. T. SCRAM,

Department Commander.

Attest:

D. J. DODGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

Following are the names of Comrades, present or past Post Commanders, who have been reported since last month as having answered their last roll call:

Comrade Solomon Fuller, Post No. 73, Minneapolis.
Comrade Robert H. Branton, Post No. 73, Minneapolis.
Comrade W. W. McGowan, Post No. 116, Morton.
Comrade H. M. Seeley, Post No. 122, Preston.
Comrade Eli Southworth, Post No. 155, Shakopee.
Comrade M. H. Oliver, Post No. 155, Shakopee.
"Though in sorrow must their names be spoken,
"Tis ours to keep the muster roll unbroken."

Sarah E. Mathews.....Associate Editor

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A GREETING

By Mrs. Sarah E. Mathews

TO the newly installed officers and members of the forty-eight circles of the Ladies of G. A. R. in this department, I, in behalf of your Department Staff of Officers, and personally as correspondent to *The Minnesota Veteran* of the Ladies of G. A. R., desire to extend to you most hearty greetings and sisterly wishes as you embark upon a new year of "Loving Service" and for one of marked prosperity in all branches of our work, that result only through co-operation and harmony.

In the hands of the newly-installed officers rests the responsibility of continued success and advancement of our noble cause. May we look to you for the "watchword" and command to act; and may we all, as co-workers, respond in deed and word to your call, willingly and efficiently, in "Loving Service" at all times. About us, everywhere, we find the need of greater service; seemingly, we may think we are doing all we can, but as did our brave boys, who wore the Blue from 1861-65, and the lads of all wars, unhesitatingly and untiringly serve their Master and country 'til right prevailed and victory won, and their mothers, wives, daughters and loved ones, with busy fingers and deeds of kindness lightening their burdens—so may we, ever keeping them in mind, through becoming service, do a little more to lengthen and brighten their remaining days, as well as pledge anew to them our loyal support for their dependent ones in the words of our beloved Lincoln:

"The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

WILLIAM MORTIMER POST ELECTS

H. R. Shumway and J. M. Crowthers were elected Commander and Adjutant, respectively, of the William Mortimer Post No. 192, G. A. R., at the annual meeting held at the Soldiers' Home. Comrade Shumway replaces A. W. Gillett, retiring Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA United Spanish War Veterans

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE U. S. W. V.

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Inspector.....Albert Hammon
Surgeon.....Dr. M. A. Kiefer
Chaplain.....Chas. F. Echterbacher
Marshal.....Victor Klingenberg
Judge Advocate.....Judge L. S. Nelson
Historian.....W. W. Kielley
Patriotic Instructor.....Wm. O. Johnson

NEWS NOTES

A NEW pension bill bearing the number 98 in commemoration of the Spanish American War of 1898 has been introduced in both houses of Congress. It carries an automatic increase to those now on the pension rolls, or who may be placed on the pension rolls, from a minimum of \$12.00 to a minimum of \$20.00 and from a maximum of \$30.00 to a maximum of \$50.00. It provides for a corresponding increase for disabled veterans who are now receiving pensions and increases the widow's pension from \$20.00 to \$30.00 and the amount allowed orphans from \$4.00 to \$8.00. It further provides a pension of \$100.00 for those comrades who are totally disabled and in need of an attendant.

Unless Congress is fully informed as to the necessity of this legislation, the bill will probably be lost. There is where you come in. Write your congressional representatives immediately and advise them of your interest in seeing this bill passed.

An unique affair will be sponsored by Worth Bagley Camp of St. Paul, January 29th. The Camp will present to the McKinley School a large, framed picture of President McKinley on that date which is the anniversary of McKinley's birth. On January 22nd a flag was given to the Wilson Junior High School. These presentations were planned as part of the Americanization work that is being done this year by Worth Bagley Camp.

The Quarterly Department Council meeting was held December 3rd in Minneapolis. Plans for the observance of "Maine Day," February 15th, were laid and a proposal to hold an annual tag day discussed. As other veteran organizations hold "Poppy" and "Forget-me-not" days, the carnation was proposed as the official U. S. W. V. flower, for it was McKinley's favorite bloom. More definite action will be taken at the next annual Encampment of the Department.

NEW CAMP OFFICERS

NEW officers of Arthur McArthur Camp No. 5, of Minneapolis and Auxiliary of the Camp were installed at a joint meeting in Memorial hall at the court house January 7th.

The Camp officers installed by Department Commander Sam A. Rask of Blooming Prairie are: B. H. Bertelson, Commander; R. E. Montgomery, Senior Vice Commander; A. O'Brien, Junior Vice Commander; L. Wharton, Chaplain; Ora D. Oskey, Adjutant; Edward Horsly, Quartermaster; Frank Morrison, Color Sergeant; Harry Johnson, Officer of the Guard; Robert Foreman, Guard.

The following Auxiliary officers were installed by Mrs. Pansy Panzram, Past Department President: Mrs. Ella Montgomery, President; Mrs. Frank Chandler, Senior Vice President; Mrs. B. H. Bertelson, Junior Vice President; Mrs. May Hall, Conductress; Mrs. Emma Fallon, Assistant Conductress; Mrs. Freda Barron, Chaplain; Mrs. Maude Benson, Guard; Mrs. Ora D. Oskey, Treasurer; Mrs. Agnes H. Beal, Secretary; Mrs. Edith Eastman, Musician.

JOSEPH Moser was elected Commander of Charles E. Bond Camp, No. 9, of Minneapolis. He was installed January 14th with other officers of the Camp and Auxiliary at Memorial hall.

Other officers are: Senior Vice Commander, W. A. Bone; Junior Vice Commander, H. A. Wellaneg; Adjutant, W. H. Gerlach; Quartermaster, E. A. Hempstead; Patriotic Instructor, Judge Mathias Baldwin; Historian, Collax Grant; Chaplain, W. F. Rogers; Officer of the Day, D. T. Steffens; Officer of the Guard, A. Mertinger; Sergeant-major, A. E. Edwards; Quartermaster Sergeant, J. J. Seiberlich; Surgeon, C. E. Dutton; Color Sergeants, H. B. Horan and M. J. Horan; Chief Musician, F. O. Williamson.

Bond Auxiliary No. 4 has as its President Mrs. Holly Moser; Vice President, Mrs. Verna Chamberlain; Chaplain, Mrs. Maud Lyons; Conductor, Miss Posy Moser; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Ardel Burke; Guard, Mrs. Margaret Nelson; Assistant Guard, Mrs. Vivian Norberg; Historian, Mrs. Elsie Mertinger; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Hannah Rinde; Musician, Mrs. Ella Styve; Treasurer, Mrs. Marie Bond; Secretary, Mrs. Sara Edwards.

HAMILTON Fish Camp No. 7 of Fort Snelling installed its officers on Wednesday, January 6. Department Commander Sam Rask, Blooming Prairie, was the guest of honor.

Hugo V. Koch, Past Department Commander, was the installing officer and Major Boyce, the present Quartermaster at the Minnesota Soldiers' Home, and a Past Department Commander, was the master of ceremonies.

Elizabeth Panzram.....Associate Editor

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE U. S. W. V.

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Historian.....Edith Patton
Patriotic Instructor.....Eda Eastman
Musician.....Blanche Heiman
Conductor.....Sara Edwards
Assistant Conductor.....Amanda Erickson
Guard.....Mary Wiczorek
Assistant Guard.....Mrs. Montgomery

Past Camp Commander Gustav Koschel was a guest and gave the Comrades a recital of some of his experiences in the Service of Three Wars which was very well received.

After the installation a luncheon was served by the committee consisting of those two old stalwarts of the entertainment committee, John McPhillips and William Corbey.

With the following officers the Camp begins its new year under such conditions as should put Hamilton Fish Camp on the map in the Department of Minnesota: Commander, John F. Miller; Senior Vice Commander, Albert Sheridan; Junior Vice Commander, William Corbey; Officer of the Day, John Fritz; Officer of the Guard, Frank M. Rockbud; Adjutant, Karl S. Newstrom; Quartermaster, John Weber; Trustee, Andrew Desmond; Chaplain, John Genske; Color Sergeants, Adolph Mehofer and Frank Walden.

OFFICERS of Worth Bagley Camp No. 2, St. Paul, for 1926 are: Commander, James J. Walsh; Senior Vice Commander, Chas. W. Nelson; Junior Vice Commander, Albert Myers; Adjutant, W. A. Curtis; Quartermaster, Louis Heiman; Trustee, A. W. Tanscher; Officer of the Day, P. A. Renstrom; Officer of the Guard, F. P. McInerney; Chaplain, Harry G. Brant; Patriotic Instructor, Chas. F. Echterbecker; Historian, John T. Dunn; Surgeon, Dr. R. E. Walker; Senior Color Sergeant, Peterson; Junior Color Sergeant, Harry Willetts.

They were installed by Past Department Commander Miller, Past Post Commander Louis Leitner, Master of Ceremonies.

The officers of Worth Bagley Auxiliary No. 1: President, Marion Phelps; Senior Vice President, Marian Phelps; Junior Vice President, Margaret James; Chaplain, Lucy Carlstrom; Patriotic Instructor, Julia Fagrie; Historian, Oillie White; Secretary, Dora Brant; Treasurer, Dorothy Albeck; Conductor, Marie Koschel; Assistant Conductor, Sadie Leitner; Guard, Evelyn Renstrom; Assistant Guard, Andrea Filmore. They were installed by Past Department President Dora Brant.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Of the United States

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LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE V. F. W.

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Surgeon.....Dr. Geo. F. Schmidt
Chaplain.....Benj. Chilson
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Inspector.....Benj. A. Pomije
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24TH ANNUAL BANQUET

JANUARY 23rd, the twenty-fourth anniversary of the establishment of the V. F. W. in Minnesota, will be observed by the annual banquet. This year an additional anniversary will be commemorated, that of the formation of the Ladies' Auxiliary State Department last year on this date.

The Ramsey County Council is in charge of this year's affairs and it will be held at Montgomery Ward's Banquet Hall on University Avenue and Albert Street. The committee claims that parking space is available for a thousand cars.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 P. M. and while eating the crowd will be entertained by an orchestra and other features. The meal is sure to be a tasty repast as the Ward chefs are noted for their ability to serve a menu that was never heard of in the service. For once you may pass up the lunch that is usually eaten before a banquet.

Governor Theodore Christianson will be the guest of honor and principal speaker. And our own "Jerry" O'Brien of Tulsa, Okla., National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Mrs. B. E. Gill, of Chicago, President of the Illinois State Department, Ladies' Auxiliary, will also be on the program. Department Commander Phil Comstock will preside and C. T. Spear of Carleton Post, President of the 13th Minnesota Regimental Association, will be the toastmaster. Many of our Minnesota Comrades will speak and representatives of the other veteran organizations in the state will attend.

After the speaking the floor will be cleared for dancing. A peppy jazz band who can also play some of the old numbers will then hold the boards until midnight.

A huge turnout is expected as the affair is not confined to V. F. W. members. Many of our friends and families will attend.

Tickets have been distributed to every Post in the state and may be purchased at the cost of one dollar for the whole show. However, if you have neglected to buy a ticket, you may pay at the door.

This is your party. Remember the date and come!

POSTS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

WITH the new year the V. F. W. Posts in Minnesota began their activities under new officers. The reports of these elections have not reached the *Veteran* in many instances in time for publication. Those omitted this issue will be printed next month.

The Hennepin County Council elected Eustace Rendell of 874, Commander for 1926. Other officers are E. G. Burdick, Jr., of 246, Vice Commander; Fred J. Wickham, 7, Adjutant; Martin R. Handberg, 159, re-elected Quartermaster, and Frank Gustafson, 187, Carl D. Hibbard, 1350, and Edwin J. Lillie, 429, Trustees.

THE 1926 officers of M. M. Carleton Post No. 5 of St. Paul are: Commander, Chas. H. Lacey; Sr. Vice Commander, John W. Ames; Jr. Vice Commander, Albert L. Charles; Quartermaster, L. W. Bailey; Officer of the Day, H. C. Huston; Surgeon, Dr. Wm. Ginsberg; and F. D. Wright, J. M. C. Johnson and Adolph Rydquist, Trustees.

The Auxiliary elected Mrs. May E. Frey, President; Mrs. Agnes Williams, Sr. Vice President; Mrs. Helma Rising, Jr. Vice President; Mrs. Katherine Parkins, Chaplain; Mrs. Edythe Johnson, Treasurer; and Mrs. Esther Johnson, Trustee.

A. R. PATTERSON Post No. 7 elected Patrick Naughten Commander for 1926 at their first meeting in December. The installation, attended by over 400, was held January 11 with John Bowe, Past Department Commander, as installing officer.

Other new officers are: Albert McPharlin, Sr. Vice Commander; H. A. Miller, Jr. Vice Commander; E. R. Ludwig, Adjutant; L. G. Anderson, Quartermaster; A. X. Schall, Judge Advocate; J. R. Edick, Historian; the Rev. Benjamin Chilson, Chaplain; Z. L. Begin, Patriotic Instructor; and H. C. Loken, Guard.

The Auxiliary installed the following officers: Mrs. Alice Holmes, President; Mrs. Martha Doyas, Sr. Vice President; Mrs. Mary Franklin, Jr. Vice President; Mrs. Ella McLeod, Secretary; Mrs. Elsie Donahue, Treasurer; Miss Lucille Hawkins, Conductress; Mrs. Ella Chaffee, Chaplain; Mrs. Louise Edmonds, Guard; Mrs. Everest St. Arnold, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. F. A. Johnstone, Historian; Miss Lena Peterson, Mrs. Edna Putney, Mrs. Maud Ferguson, and Mrs. Vera Graham, Color-bearers; Mrs. Alma Melberg and Mrs. Catherine Edick, Trustees; and Mrs. Elsie Irgens, Musician.

The installing officer was Mrs. Florence Lufkin, Department President.

MILLAM-Magnuson Post No. 182 elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, Fred Spiecker; Sr. Vice Commander, Julius Stene; Jr.

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Assistant Conductress.....Ellen Parkins
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Patriotic Instructor.....Sophia Farley
Historian.....Maria Hotaling
Guard.....Zora Holland
Musician.....Anna Newman
Color Bearers: Angeline Souba, India Hills, Mildred Hammerland, Grace Luick.

Council of Administration: Josephine Clark, Phila Comstock, Grace Wilkins.

Vice Commander, August Luick; Chaplain, H. J. Zeeveld; Quartermaster, A. L. Hickok; Officer of the Day, Dan Luick; Trustee, Miles J. Boyle; and Guard, Frank Boyle.

The Auxiliary of 182 will be headed this year by Mrs. May Bergstrom, President; Mrs. Anna Hanscom, Sr. Vice President; Mrs. Dawson, Jr. Vice President; Miss Ida Speaker, Treasurer; Mrs. May Stuart, Chaplain; and Mrs. Boyle and Miss Shea, Trustees.

C. H. GETCHELL was elected Commander of Halverson-Bowers Post No. 187, and Mrs. Effie Saunders, President of the Auxiliary, for 1926. The headquarters of the Post have been moved to Norway hall, 2922 Cedar Avenue.

Other Post officers for the year are: E. W. Sanberg, Sr. Vice Commander; M. S. Gannon, Jr. Vice Commander; W. S. Gustafson, Quartermaster; H. Umdahlen, Adjutant; H. Holm, Officer of the Day; C. Olin, Chaplain; J. W. Olson, Surgeon; John Strom, Trustee; A. S. Metzenhuber, Quartermaster Sergeant; G. L. Bear, Sergeant Major; A. Olin, Guard; N. Potvin and H. Todd, Color Bearers; H. Olin and W. Barry, Color Guards; Harry Johnson, Bugler; H. Putnam, Historian; Frank Gustafson, Americanization Officer.

Other officers for the Auxiliary are: Mrs. Minnie Brett, Sr. Vice President; Mrs. Clara Smith, Jr. Vice President; Mrs. Anna Johnson, Treasurer; Mrs. Gladys Hapsch, Secretary; Mrs. Nellie Jefferson, Chaplain; Mrs. Alma Garries, Conductress; Mrs. Mary Gustafson, Historian; Mrs. Selma Larson, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Alice Maron, Guard; Mrs. Phoebe Warren, Mrs. Mable Todd, Mrs. Edna Brady, and Mrs. Agnes Brady, Color Bearers; Mrs. Anna Mielson, Musician; Mrs. Josephine Clark, Mrs. Anna Ewart, and Mrs. Ena Strom, Trustees.

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13th - 15th MINNESOTA REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS

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FIGURES released by the department of the interior disclose that the number of war pensioners has declined from 525,539 to 512,537, a reduction of 13,002 in the last year.

The total amount paid out for pensions in 1925 was \$217,150,612, as compared with \$229,994,777 in 1924.

The total paid out under the pension system, which dates from 1790, counting this fiscal year, has been \$7,053,502,010, of which \$6,613,314,980 has been paid out on account of the Civil war and \$151,771,860 on account of the war with Spain. The report discloses that of 6,566,454 claims allowed by the department, 1,157,244 were to widows, minor children and dependent relatives.

There were more widows than soldiers on the pension rolls at the close of the last fiscal year. By classes, the numbers on the rolls were 244,657 soldiers, 260,382 widows, 2,821 minor children, 833 helpless children, 4,105 dependent relatives and 229 nurses.

Listing the pensioners of the various wars still on the rolls the report shows 126,566 Civil war veterans, 241,193 Civil war widows, 101,702 Spanish war veterans and 18,363 Spanish war widows. There are yet 17 soldiers of the Mexican war and 21 widows of soldiers of the war of 1812 in receipt of pension. On account of service in various Indian wars, 3,924 soldiers and 3,034 widows were on the rolls.

MILITARY ORDER of FOREIGN WARS

THE Minnesota Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars, will meet before the end of January to elect officers for the ensuing year. The results of the election will be covered next issue.

THE NEED OF A FORT SNELLING CHAPEL (Continued from Page 5)

the ideal requirement of the sacred Scripture for a house of divine worship—"A House of Prayer for All People"—inasmuch as provision is being made to construct the Chapel along such composite lines as will make it suitable for the worship of all religious bodies without sectarian distinction of any kind.

Members of veteran organizations in general are under peculiar obligation so far as this project is concerned. Their knowledge of the need which exists for adequate facilities for religious, patriotic and welfare work among their Comrades now in the service of their country makes their responsibility a really serious one. If ex-service men throughout the Northwest would say that this Chapel and Community Center ought to be provided without delay, and say it emphatically—backing up their say-so with modest contributions, such moral impetus would undoubtedly be given to the movement as to practically guarantee its success. The contributions of service men need not be large, but they ought to be general, for of all the patriotic organizations in the state, the veteran organizations certainly ought not to allow this opportunity of assisting in a worthy, unselfish cause for their fellow soldiers to slip by.

There is no doubt about it but that a generous response upon the part of the ex-service man will win for the organizations the high esteem of the public in general which already is keenly interested in the Chapel project. On the other hand, it will be a sorry disappointment if they do not respond one hundred per cent right now while interest is at its height. Fifteen hundred enlisted men now at Fort Snelling are making monthly contributions to the Chapel fund, and are dreaming of the day when they will see their hopes realized; two hundred children of the garrison, for the most part children of enlisted men, have also lifted their little hands in favor of the project; and a small group of women at the Fort, wives of the enlisted men, have pledged the sum of five hundred dollars. Somebody has said that "A prayer is a wish turned heavenward." If this be true, then the prayers of the two thousand service men, their wives and their children are lodged before heaven's eternal throne for the speedy culmination of this worthy cause. Members of the veteran organizations, you can help to make these prayers come to fruition! You cannot refuse to do your bit, even as you did during the stirring days of the great World War.

ARMY AND NAVY UNION OF THE U. S. A. AND LADIES AUXILIARY

Hugo V. Koch.....Associate Editor

THE Entertainment Committee provided a splendid program in connection with the installing of the officers of the Garrison.

The following officers were installed: Commander, Henry Thielke; Senior Vice Commander, Fred Stenger; Junior Vice Commander, John Genske; Adjutant, C. J. Beall; Quartermaster, A. L. Sladek; Chaplain, Theresa Erickson; Officer of the Day, Emil Wested; Officer of the Guard, Nicholas Muller; Trustees, Hugo V. Koch, John Ahern, John Fritz; Surgeon, D. C. Jones.

Splendid addresses were made by George W. Rodenberg, Herbert Keller and George L. Nasson.

Mr. Rodenberg reviewed the service of the soldier of yesterday and dwelt upon some of the matters which have come before the Legislature of which he has been a veteran member. Mr. Keller made comparisons of the conditions under which men served in the army today as compared with the service of the soldier of other wars. He then drew a picture of the home life of yesterday and the home life of today and laid stress upon the necessity of curbing the present parole system. He called attention to the necessity of legislation to secure the Memorial driveway which is being planned at so called horse shoe bend on Wheelock Parkway.

Mr. Nasson gave a graphic picture of the possibilities in the Memorial driveway and had blueprints of the proposed plans, declaring it would be a lasting memorial to the soldiers of all wars, suggesting the placing of a plate to the Indian fighters, who have rendered such valuable service in the middle west in the pioneer days.

Mrs. P. H. Jensen, National Deputy of the Ladies' Auxiliary, installed the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

At the conclusion of the program, Comrade Beall, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, presented the installing officer, the Past President and our popular Chaplain, Comrade Erickson with beautiful bouquets of flowers.

Comrade Sladek was called to Chicago upon business and was unable to be present.

Major (on inspection): "Don't you know yet how to stand at attention?"

Rookie (in oversized uniform): "I am standing at attention, sir. It's only my uniform that's at ease."

"What caused the fire?"

"Friction."

"Friction?"

"Yes a \$20,000 policy rubbing against a \$15,000 stock."

Elderly gentleman: "Sonny, can you direct me to the First Bank?"

Kid: "Yessir, for a quarter."

E. G.: "Isn't that mighty high pay?"

K.: "Not for a bank director, mister!"

GREAT WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA IN THE U. S. A. Inc.

F. Gordon Wright.....Associate Editor

COMMANDER W. Neilson Forbes was honor guest at a banquet on December 18th, given by the members of the Minneapolis Branch at the Radisson Hotel on the eve of his departure for England where he has been sent by his firm for at least a year. About fifty members were present and the walls of the Spanish room echoed many songs of trench origin punctuated with stories appropriate to the occasion. Several members, including Commander Forbes' fellow officers, paid glowing tribute to him for work that has been accomplished by the Minneapolis Branch under his leadership during 1925.

The regular meeting of the Branch which was held at the Radisson Hotel on Wednesday, January 13th, was devoted to the nomination of officers for the year 1926, after routine business had been disposed of and reports rendered by the various committee chairmen.

The Dance committee reported all arrangements complete for the dance to be held at the Calhoun Terrace on January 29th. As the location and date are convenient, a resolution was passed authorizing the Secretary to invite the players of the Winnipeg Hockey team to be the guests of the Branch at the dance. Most of the Winnipeg players are war veterans and it is hoped that the strenuous game they will have with the Millers earlier that evening will not prevent them from joining their Minneapolis Comrades at Calhoun Terrace.

"You certainly have your nerve to charge me seventy-five cents for that piece of meat," said the careful housewife.

"Yes ma'am," replied the polite butcher.

"Will you kindly tell me how it is that I can get the very same cut at Wilson's market for fifty cents?"

"I can't say, ma'am, for sure. Perhaps Wilson has taken a fancy to you. He is a widower and you are very beautiful. Unfortunately for me, I—yes'm—seventy-five cents."

M. P.: "Hey, soldier you can't stand there."

K. P.: "How come?"

M. P.: "That's where the general is going to stand for the review."

K. P.: "Oh thassallright. If he can stand it I guess I can."

"What's the height of chivalry?"

"Giving a lady your seat in a barber shop."

1st Patient at Aberdeen Hospital: "Why do cigars always break in your vest pocket?"

2nd Patient (back from a walk): "Heart pressure."

"I think I'll go to Anatole, France."

"Why not to Bull, Montana?"

WOMEN'S OVERSEAS SERVICE LEAGUE

June Drew.....Associate Editor
Gladys de Lambert.....Associate Editor

(Officers of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Units of the Women's Overseas Service League, who were elected this month will be announced next issue.)

THE October issue promised a review of the St. Paul Unit of the Women's Overseas Service League, and as there is not space to include a brief story of each member, we will select at random a few, with apologies to those who are not listed this time, and in a future number of the Veteran hope to mention them:

Austin, Winnifred—
American Red Cross, Italy and Poland.

Brown, Elizabeth—
British Y. W. C. A. Kent; London.

Brown, Mrs. Geo. H.—
American Red Cross Tours; Brest.

Clark, Mary Rose—
American Fund for French Wounded, Neuves, Maison.

Cronquist (Mrs. Frances Palmer)—
American Red Cross Nursing Corps, France and Germany.

Daggy, Ethel—
American Red Cross, Italy.

Grantham, Charlotte—
American Red Cross Nursing Corps, France and Germany.

Heath, Leila—
American Red Cross, Hosp. Hut Director, Angers, France.

Halvorson, Leila—
American Red Cross Nursing Corps, France, Palestine, Poland.

McGregor, Elizabeth—
American Fund for French Wounded, Neuves, France.

Mitchell, Eleanor—
American Red Cross, Canteen Worker, Paris.

Nelson, Estelle—
American Red Cross, Nursing Corps, Allery.

Reamy, Margaret—
Army Nurse, France and Germany.

Rogers, Frances—
American Fund for French Wounded, Y. M. C. A., France.

Solomon, Harrie—
Army Nursing Corps, France and Germany.

Trisko (Mrs. Pearl Canfield)—
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THE largest reunion of the Minnesota Rainbow Division veterans to be held in the state since the war, is planned for February 20th when a banquet will be held at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis. The guests of honor and principal speakers will include Governor Theodore Christianson, General George E. Leach, Mayor of Minneapolis, and Arthur E. Nelson, Mayor of St. Paul.

An extensive campaign to obtain a complete and up-to-date list of Rainbow men has been staged in order that invitations can be sent to everyone. The affair will unquestionably bring a big gathering to Minneapolis with nearly all of your old Buddies present.

More complete plans will be published later.

V. F. W.
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THREE hundred guests attended the joint installation of officers of James Ballentine Post No. 246 and Ladies' Auxiliary, held January 12th at the Calhoun Commercial Club. Mrs. Florence Lufkin, Department President, and Dr. J. E. Soper, National Surgeon-General, were the installing officers.

New officers of the Post are: Glen F. Reese, Commander; A. A. Dittrich, Senior Vice Commander; Henry J. Jacobson, Junior Vice Commander; William J. Warren, Adjutant; Eldon G. Burdick, Jr., Quartermaster; Lawrence W. Patterson, Officer of the Day; Kenneth Johnson, Chaplain; Dr. R. R. Sheppard, Guard; Lewis A. Schurke, Sentinel; Roy A. Wentworth, Trustee; George C. Boyum and G. A. Gustafson, Color Bearers; Ray W. Mosher and James P. Leary, Color Guards; Harvey Downs, Historian; William Gimble, Patriotic Instructor; Charles F. Gandesbury, Bugler; Dr. R. R. Heim, Surgeon; Sidney G. L. Hagen, Judge Advocate, and Louis N. Berry, Sergeant-Major.

Alice M. Burdick is the new Auxiliary President; Elizabeth Forsell, Senior Vice President; Linnea Burdick, Junior Vice President; Hazel Cronk, Secretary; Vera Johnson, Treasurer; Esther Jacobson, Conductress; Ida Martin, Chaplain; Lillian Corkins, Guard; Pearl Nelson,

Myrtle Ballentine, Helen Warren, Edith Stellis, Color Bearers; Grace Wilkins, Historian; Caroline Dittrich, Patriotic Instructor; Ella Doherty, Musician.
A program of entertainment followed the installation.

DONALD A. Skidmore Auxiliary No. 363 at Fort Snelling elected Mrs. Ruth Maurer, President; Mrs. Anna Lillie, Sr. Vice President; Mrs. Leona Moffit, Jr. Vice President; Mrs. Francis Dudick, Treasurer; Mrs. Christina Ferguson, Chaplain; and Mrs. Freida Kleinman, Trustee. The Post chose A. M. Boyke as Commander and G. Littlepure as Sr. Vice Commander for 1926.

AMBROSE Kelly Post No. 429 held its annual election of officers on December 15th. The Post has recently admitted a number of new members, and a large crowd of the Comrades were in attendance.

The following Comrades were nominated and elected to their respective offices, Commander Peugh wielding the gavel in his usual efficient fashion: Commander, Walter Morse; Sr. Vice Commander, E. J. Lillie, Jr. Vice Commander, Harold Feeney; Chaplain, Clifford Nelson; Judge Advocate, Ambrose Fuller; Quartermaster, Ernest Swanson; Officer of the Day, DeForest D. Corcoran; Guard, Arthur E. Bohlman; Sentinel, Walter Swanson; Trustee, Orrin Peugh; Historian, Frank E. Nelson; Color Bearers, John E. Conklin and A. E. Bohlman; Color Guards, Lyse and O'Brien; and Bugler, Fred Sanford.

Flowers were ordered sent to J. Donahue, the janitor of the Bath House. Mrs. Donahue is in the hospital following an operation. Also a check for five dollars was sent to his residence as a Christmas remembrance of the many acts of kindness he has shown the Post.

The semi-monthly socials and dances are going so strong it will soon be up to some of the members to build larger houses; there were forty-six at Comrade Thompson's residence last Saturday night; most of them got home in time for breakfast.

The Auxiliary is getting along fine, have a nice surplus in the treasury, and both the Post and Auxiliary are looking forward to a year of progress, and helpfulness to the community.—Frank E. Nelson.

EUSTACE Rendell is the new Commander of the 151st Field Artillery Post No. 874. Other officers of the Post installed by Department Commander Philip F. Comstock, are Harry D. Johnson, Sr. Vice Commander; Fletcher K. Ware, Jr. Vice Commander; Arthur D. Hotaling, Adjutant; Walter F. Rhinow, Post Advocate; William J. Harrington, Chaplain; George F. Schmidt, Surgeon; Ernest Schiffer, Officer of the Day; Leo M. Maguire, Patriotic Instructor; Charles A. Green, Historian; Peter F. Clausen, Sergeant Major; Oscar A. Wiiken and Jack Sabo, Trustees; Charles M. Denny, Guard; Lars F. Neilsen, Sentinel; Peter G. Miller and Godfrey G. Miller, Color Bearers; and Victor D. Scott, Bugler.

Two other Hennepin County Posts upon which we have not the complete roster of officers are Cyrus F. Chamberlain Post No. 1209 of Lake Minnetonka, where R. R. Holland was elected Commander, and Russell Gaylord Post No. 159 of Minneapolis. Russell Gaylord officers include Henry Knoble, Commander; A. M. Watten, Sr. Vice Commander; M. R. Handberg, Quartermaster; and H. K. Nygaard, Adjutant.

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LAKEVILLE DANCE FEB. 13TH

Oscar and John Soberg Post No. 210 of Lakeville will hold a dance and bean feed on Saturday, February 13th. Other entertainment features are planned and several speakers headed by General Geo. E. Leach, Mayor of Minneapolis, will address the gathering. The Lakeville Post has extended a hearty invitation to Twin City comrades and it is hoped a large delegation will attend.

THE ARMY ADOPTS THE ROLL COLLAR (Continued from Page 5)

The marines, who were originally soldiers detailed for disciplinary duty on naval vessels, also had their red-coated drummers and fifers.

Conservatism in dress is no new thing in the army, as is shown by the rumpus made over the queue-cutting order of 1801, which, like the present roll collar movement, was popular with the rank and file. In the Revolution flour and tallow were issued to the American troops to whiten their heads so as to look smart at formal reviews. But in 1801 General Wilkinson, the commander, ordered close haircuts. Colonel Thomas Butler, an old and distinguished officer, resented this radical innovation and refused to cut his queue.

General Wilkinson retaliated with a sarcastic order exempting the Colonel "at his particular request and in consideration of his infirm health." Sarcasm failing, he summoned a court-martial on the ground of "willful, obstinate and continued disobedience," which caused the stubborn old Colonel to send in a hurry call for the barber. Thus the incident ended.

It was while General Wilkinson was in command that the high band collar replaced the Continental roll on officers' coats. An order set the regulation height at not less than three nor more than three and one-half inches. By 1812 regulations prescribed that the collar should reach the tip of the ear and in front as high as the chin permits in turning the head. The formidable proportions of this collar may be observed in the pictures of General Jackson at New Orleans.

Our army at this period caught the Napoleonic fashion. Uniformity in dress was the rule in European armies before Napoleon came into power. But with his penetrating genius Napoleon capitalized to the full the exhilarating effect of smart and showy dress upon the pride and fighting spirit of the soldier. In fact he exhausted the ingenuity of his military tailors, and his uniforms, graceful in line and harmonious in color, remain today unrivalled for the purpose of military pageantry.

Restraint, good taste, and even common sense were thrust aside by the military

tailors of the next generation. And the American Army, with colonial deference to Europe, adopted with native modifications pictorial cuts, flashy colors, red sashes, and caps shaped like pots surmounted by pom-poms and feathers. A hat like the stove-pipe or topper was worn into battles with Indians. Yet some of the uniforms were handsome and effective. The shavetail coat of West Point and its gray color are both survivals of this period, altered in minor details of tailoring.

Blue was the standard color of the regular forces at the time of the Civil War, but not so with the militia. At the First Battle of Bull Run, the Union Army was composed of zouaves in red bag trousers and riflemen in green, gray and such a variety of uniforms that the troops scarcely knew friend from foe, especially as some of the Confederate regiments wore blue. The poke collar, in any case, had disappeared, and the higher officers of both armies wore roll collars, open coats and vests.

The Indian fighting army, isolated on the Western plains, acquired a jaunty and picturesque quality that has been immortalized by the brush of Frederick Remington. Yet the uniform was tight and uncomfortable, and the forage cap, worn rakishly with a tilt over one eye, was no protection against the weather.

Utility without smartness or comfort characterized the American uniforms of the Spanish War. With the exception of the Rough Riders in their yellow cotton, our troops went to Cuba and the Philippines in blue wool. Roosevelt, becoming President decided that these uniforms which made soldiers look like car conductors, had a depressing effect on the morale of the troops. So it was he who gave the army its present style of uniform—the one now about to be changed—although in Cuba he wore no collar, preferring the cow-boy bandanna.

Roosevelt raised a tempest by sending for a British military tailor to draw the designs. The Englishman did a thorough job. Uniforms were planned for all occasions, even to a mess jacket for officers. As a result, the army spruced up and thought better of itself, and this encouraged enlistment and pride in appearance.

Then came the World War, and all army uniforms except olive drab and khaki were packed with camphor and moth balls. And they have not been taken out since.

LETTERS OF CHAMBERLAIN (Continued from Page 4)

places extending back several kilometers, and pock-marked with shell holes, very dense at the center of the streak and thinning out at the edges. The villages in the streak of waste are only marked by the stumps of stone walls which were houses, and where it passes through forests there are only the stumps of trees left.

Our job today was protecting the *reglage* machines and keeping the Boches on their side, and I take it we were successful, as the air was full of French planes and no Boches put in an appearance. We will know tomorrow what success the *coup de main* had. On account of the machines we have had, —Nieupoits—our work has been all defensive so far, but we are to get our Spads in a week or two now and will get more action. Meanwhile we have done some valuable work and have incidentally gotten some invaluable experience. I have had some forty odd hours in the air at the front and was today proposed for a sergenty, a more or less automatic proceeding requiring a certain minimum of "points"

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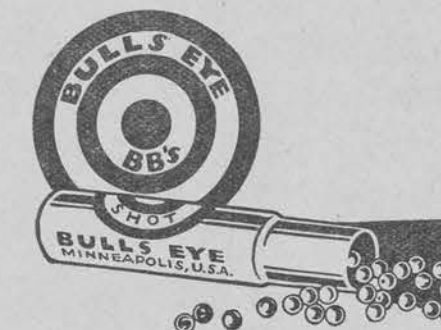
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figured on hours of flight over the lines, "missions" you have been on, etc. I don't know how long it takes to get promotions after being proposed, and it doesn't interest me much as I don't see how I would be any better off as a general than I am. I have, or will have, the best machine made to fly, comfortable room, excellent food and pleasant companions; can go wherever I wish for my frequent vacations,—have the maximum of liberty and comfort and at the same time have the opportunity of being of great value if I do my work well. "Can you beat it?" The answer is "No."

Our barracks are in a grove of pines on the edge of a very large, perfectly flat field surrounded by pine groves, in the edges of which all the hangars and barracks are hidden. The climate is delightful, we are near a good city where we can buy excellent provisions, so our *popot* is superb for the moment. (Our cook is an ex-Paris chef). I have a little room to myself and have spent all my time on the ground for the last week fixing it up. I don't suppose such a room was ever seen in an escadrille before. I have papered the walls with real wall-paper and built furniture, a writing table, sort of an open wardrobe, wash stand covered with white oil-cloth, a bench, canvas bed with a real mattress on it, and shelves with books. The whole thing has a very finished look, and as I sit here writing warm as toast from a little gasoline burner I have going, and at peace with the world after a good dinner and smoke, it seems rather fantastic that three or four hours ago I was trying to outguess a Boche—probably a very decent chap, who was trying his best to crown me with some shrapnel and coming much too close for comfort. I don't know why I put so much work into this room as we will probably be moving along in two or three weeks, maybe less. Our life from now on will be quite nomadic as a combat group is attached to no army and is moved all over the front as needed. I am already furious at the *type* (as we say in French) that is going to get this room next, whoever he may be.

March 15.

I just now received your letter of February 22nd, with a letter from Mr. Woodworth, and the ghastly photo of yourself. If I thought you were looking like that I would desert and come home immediately to be with you at the end. (Mr. Censor, this is a joke.) I received a bunch of the Sunday papers all together and am always glad to get them. Also the Atlantic. The coffee has been a luxury and I often make a cup on coming down half frozen from a high patrol. It is infinitely better than the French article at its best.

You can tell J—that from what I have seen and heard the job of a balloon observer is very trying but not awfully dangerous. I have seen three or four of them brought down in flames and in one case could plainly see the observer coming down in his parachute. It seems that they have orders to jump just as soon as a Boche fires at their balloon, and the accidents in parachute descents are about one in a hundred. One Frenchman has had 30 balloons burned over him. Once he got a photo of both the Boche and the burning balloon as he came down in the parachute,—(*sang froid*). On the other hand, you take your lunch up with you and stay all day, and on windy days you get sea-sick.

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Dedication Services Commencing
SUNDAY, JUNE TENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED *and* TWENTY-EIGHT



IN MEMORIAM

All that they had they gave—they gave
In sure and single faith;
There can no knowledge reach their grave
To make them grudge their death,
Save only if they understood
That after all was done,
We, the redeemed denied their blood
And mocked the gains it won.

—Rudyard Kipling.

The Chapel—A Description

To those who are familiar with the romantic background of the Fort Snelling garrison, and of Minnesota in general, there is an evidence in the design of the chapel that the architect has admirably succeeded in blending in a most remarkable manner the ruggedness of the Sibley House, Minnesota's first capitol at Mendota; the old Round Tower, Minnesota's oldest land-mark and one of the few remaining parts of old Fort Snelling; and the churchly idea. The Round Tower, with its distinctive architectural beauty, has been slightly modified so as to make a perfect blending; and the chapel is a structure of most exquisite design and practical utility.

The chapel is adequate in size and sufficient for the needs of the garrison for many years to come. The main auditorium will seat approximately 300 persons, and the gallery so conveniently located over the choir and dressing rooms will provide seating capacity for an additional 75

persons. The Sunday School annex makes provision for the giving of religious instruction to the boys and girls of the post, of whom there are now upwards of 200—children of officers and non-commissioned officers on duty here. A five-foot grade provides for a basement which makes ample provision for the holding of patriotic, social and semi-religious gatherings, for the soldier department of the Bible School, and for such activities as Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. Library facilities and space will also be available here for the eight or nine thousand volumes of books, which for many years have been housed in a temporary Red Cross building—a relic of the World War. The Chaplain's week-day activities will be housed here, and provision will be made for such meetings as are regularly held by ex-service and patriotic organizations connected with the garrison. Social functions of officers' and enlisted men's families will also be held in the chapel community center.

A Distinctive Minnesota Memorial

The chapel is one of the outstanding memorials of the Northwest. Picturesque in location, beautiful in design, and perpetual in usefulness, its rugged masonry will stand through future decades as a noble testimonial to the patriotism, loyalty and moral earnestness of all whose gifts have helped to make it possible. Primarily the chapel will be a house of worship, furnishing a place for religious

rites and ceremonies. But it will be much more than this—it is an unique and distinctive Minnesota memorial, and will become more and more an asset to the state. It will be a shrine of patriotism and of religious effort, with none of the limitations of sectarianism, which will yield returns upon the capital investment incomparably greater than those of any material consideration.



THE ROUND TOWER

Built in 1822

Minnesota's oldest, most romantic and most picturesque landmark. It is symbolic of the nation's strength, purpose, progress, guardianship and hospitality in the early years. The motif of the old Round Tower is retained in the tower of the chapel which rises to a height of 60 feet, three times the height of its worthy predecessor.

The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center

The Fort Snelling Chapel and Community Center is a triumph of faith. It is the beginning of a new day for religious and social work among the troops of the United States Army; and to the citizens of Minnesota belongs the place of moral leadership in an unique and distinctive undertaking—that of removing the reproach of inadequate facilities for religious activities at an Army Garrison.

The need for an adequate house of worship has been keenly felt during all the years of Fort Snelling's existence, since 1820. In the intervening years, commanding officers and chaplains on duty at this station have repeatedly made mention of this need in correspondence with higher military authorities. During the past quarter of a century, no less than two or three definite attempts were made to make possible the long-cherished dream. At least two sets of plans are still in existence for humble, moderate-priced places of worship. But there have always been difficulties which seemed to be, and were, insurmountable. The average tour of duty of an army officer, like that of the old-time circuit rider, is so short that no officer has ever had the heart to start out upon a project which, in all probability, would be left in an incomplete state, while he moved on.

On March 23rd, 1923, a communication was forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army from the Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling, requesting authority to construct a Post Chapel at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, "without expense to the government." This, for the very obvious reason that the commanding officer knew that no government funds could be obtained for such a project. On July 20th, 1923, this communication was approved by the Quartermaster General; and on September 17th, 1923, the Adjutant General of the Army gave his approval as follows:

"Approved with the proviso that the building so constructed shall be Pan-Sectarian in character, and donations thereto not limited to any particular sect or society."

Before this authority had been obtained, both the Commanding Officer and the Chaplain on duty at Fort Snelling had received orders for change of station in distant garrisons. But, in the meantime, the officers, enlisted men, women and children of the garrison, had succeeded in the raising of a fund totaling about \$2,500.00, in order that their cherished dream might come true.

During the years 1923-1925, a quiet but persistent and effective program of publicity was given to the need for a chapel, as had been desired by the residents of the garrison, and resolutions were adopted by ecclesiastical, patriotic and service club organizations, asking that the people of the Twin Cities and of the state support the movement. During the fall and winter of 1925-26, committees were organized, "The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center Association" was incorporated in accord-

ance with the laws of the state of Minnesota, and a campaign for funds inaugurated which brought the total amount of available funds up to nearly \$50,000.00.

Prior to the campaign for funds, the architects of the state had instituted a competition among themselves for plans for a chapel which would meet the needs of the garrison. Twenty-two of the leading architects of the state of Minnesota participated in this competition. These plans were carefully studied by a jury which, in making its ultimate decision, took the four following points into consideration: (1) efficiency of plan; (2) probability of economical construction; (3) adaptability to site; and (4) expression of the special character imposed by local conditions and historic background.

A ceremonial for breaking of sod was held on the afternoon of Sunday, September 5, 1926, at which representatives of the Army, ex-service men, patriotic and church organizations were present. The soldiers of the garrison made excavations and laid the concrete footings for the chapel during the following weeks.

On June 28, 1927, the Board of Directors voted to start building operations and instructed the Building Committee to proceed with the erection of a usable building, "omitting such items as are not immediately necessary and keeping within the amount of money actually on hand." Contracts were signed on July 19, 1927, and construction started the following week. On Sunday, August 21, 1927, work had sufficiently been started for the ceremonial for the laying of the cornerstone. Some four or five thousand persons attended this service, including soldiers of the garrison and nearly 2,000 students in attendance at the Citizens' Military Training Camp.

A copper box receptacle was placed within the large cornerstone, inside of which were placed the following:

A history of the chapel project; a history of Fort Snelling; lists of the various military organizations and commanding officers who have served at Fort Snelling; a roster of the members of the garrison and of the citizens' military training camp, 1927; roster of all patients at the Fort Snelling Veterans' Hospital; copies of all manuscripts and pamphlets concerning the chapel project; a list of all contributors; newspaper articles on the chapel; editorial and news sections of papers of current date.

As work progressed upon the chapel through the fall and winter months of 1927-1928, additional funds and memorial gifts became available, so that there was scarcely no interruption, and we have been able to complete the building in the satisfactory manner in which it now appears—a structure in which all Minnesota citizens may take just pride.

The total cost, counting donated materials and soldier labor and exclusive of memorial gifts, is approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

"The Lord Is in His Holy Temple, Let All the World Keep Silence Before Him."

THE FIRST MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 10, 1928—10:30 o'Clock

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JUNIOR CHAPEL AT 9:30 O'CLOCK

Silent Individual Prayer Before Worship

O God, make me worthy to enter the courts of Thy Holy sanctuary this blessed Sabbath day; may the glory of Thy presence be very real to me, and to all who in the years to come may worship here. Make me conscious of my need of Thee, and forbid that this or any service before this altar may be marred in any particular by my indifference or unbelief. Make this sanctuary a Bethel, a House of God, the very Gate of Heaven to all the pure in heart; and help me to be humble, sincere, reverent and Christ-like in all things, through the merits of Him whom we all love to call Our Saviour. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE—(Piano) Selected Batiste
THE DOXOLOGY—(Congregation Standing) Bourgeois
THE INVOCATION and the LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)
THE CALL TO WORSHIP—(Congregation Standing)

CHAPLAIN: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

CONGREGATION: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

CHAPLAIN: "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His holy name; make known His deeds among the people."

CHAPLAIN AND CONGREGATION: "For He is good, and His mercy is everlasting. Talk ye of all His wondrous works. Glory ye in His holy name. Praise ye the Lord."

GLORIA PATRI Creatorex
THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)
HYMN NO. 177—"Faith of Our Fathers" Hemy-Walton
RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING—Selection No. 1
THE CHAPEL CHOIR—"I Will Magnify Thee, O God" Spence
THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES
THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER—Choral Response—By CHAPLAIN FRANK C. RIDEOUT, United States Army
THE OFFERTORY—(Piano)—Selected
BARITONE SOLO—Selected—By MAJOR LEIGH C. FAIRBANK, D. C., United States Army
THE CHAPEL CHOIR—"How Firm a Foundation" Sheldon
HYMN NO. 133—"Lead On, O King Eternal" Smart
THE SERMON—By COLONEL EDMUND P. EASTERBROOK, Chief of Chaplains, Washington, D. C.
THE CHAPEL CHOIR—"The Lord Is My Rock" Rogers
HYMN NO. 142—"O Master, Let Me Wilk With Thee" Smith
THE BENEDICTION—(Congregation Standing)
THE RECESSIONAL—(Piano)—"Antienne" Batiste

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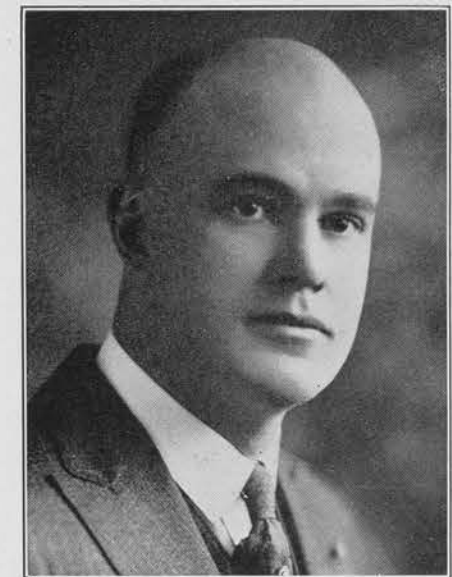


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DEDICATION SERVICE

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE TENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED and TWENTY-EIGHT

Three o'clock



Order of Service

REV. PHILLIPS ENDICOTT OSGOOD, D.D., Major, Chaplain Reserve, United States Army, Presiding

CHURCH CALL—(From the Chapel Tower)—THIRD INFANTRY TRUMPETERS

MILITARY FORMATION OF FORT SNELLING TROOPS

THIRD U. S. INFANTRY MARCH (Band) Carl Dillon

CHOIR NUMBER—"And the Glory of the Lord" Handel's Messiah
By the Park Avenue Congregational Vested Choir, Minneapolis
MR. SYDNEY H. MORSE, Director

INVOCATION—REV. EARLE V. PIERCE, D.D., Minneapolis

HYMN—"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (Leaflet) Ward

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES—REV. JAMES W. BEAN, St. Paul

RESPONSE

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts.
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of
my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.
Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto
the name of the Lord.
For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee.
Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

GLORIA PATRI Greatorex

ADDRESS—THE HONORABLE THEODORE CHRISTIANSON, Governor of Minnesota

TURNING OVER THE KEYS—MR. WALTER H. WHEELER, Chairman Building Committee

ACCEPTANCE OF KEYS—COLONEL WM. E. WELSH, Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling

GREETINGS—MAJOR GENERAL HARRY A. SMITH, 7th Corps Area Commander, Omaha, Nebraska

BARITONE SOLO—(Selected)—MAJOR LEIGH C. FAIRBANK, D.C., United States Army, St. Louis, Mo.

GREETINGS—COLONEL EDMUND P. EASTERBROOK, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

HYMN—"The Church's One Foundation" (Leaflet) Stone

ADDRESS—"The Chapel—An Interpretation"—CHAPLAIN FRANK C. RIDEOUT, United States Army

PROCESSIONAL INTO CHAPEL—3rd Infantry Color Guard, Guest Choir, Clergy, Army Officials and
Members of Chapel Association, Various Committees, Soldiers and Citizens to Capacity of Building.
(Band will play "Onward, Christian Soldiers" during processional)

CHOIR NUMBER—"Praise the Lord" Smart
By GUEST CHOIR

FORMAL DEDICATION AND PRAYER—CHAPLAIN FRANK C. RIDEOUT, United States Army
(Congregation Standing)

CHAPLAIN: Recognizing our indebtedness to the Almighty, by Whose grace we have been
enabled to complete this house of worship, to be used for the glory of God and the coming
of His Kingdom on earth, we now stand in His holy presence to dedicate it to Him.

To the glory of God, our Father, from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift;
To the honor of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Master;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Chapel and all its appointments of worship and service.

CHAPLAIN: For the ministry of the Word, that through wise and earnest preaching the gracious
purpose of God may become known to men, the truth of God make men free from folly
and error, and people be brought to know Him, Whom to know is life eternal.

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Chapel.

CHAPLAIN: For the holy rite of baptism; for the observance of the Lord's Supper according to
the command to keep in memory the broken Body and shed Blood of our Saviour till He
come; for solemnizing the sacred rite of marriage; for the burial of the dead, and for all of the
sacred offices of the church.

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Chapel.

CHAPLAIN: For the sanctification of the home and family, and the blessing of all pure and holy
love; for the instruction and training of children and youth in sacred things; for the building
of character; for the teaching of morality, self-control and justice.

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Chapel.

CHAPLAIN: For a place of quietness and prayer, where, by song and psalm Thy children may
freely worship Thee, the sinful find the Great Saviour, the tempted the Great Helper, the
mourner the Great Comforter, the weary the Eternal Bosom, and the confused Perfect
Understanding.

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Chapel.

CHAPLAIN: For the fostering of lofty patriotism; for unswerving insistence upon the sovereign
will of God in civic affairs; for the promotion of social righteousness; for the declaration of
constant warfare against all forms of wrong doing.

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Chapel.

CHAPLAIN: In humble gratitude to all who have loved and served the church; with hearts made
tender by the mercy of those who have joined the church triumphant; as a glad and willing
offering of thanksgiving and praise.

PEOPLE: We dedicate this Chapel.

CHAPLAIN AND PEOPLE: Now, therefore, we the people of this commonwealth and of the Army of
the United States in the presence of Almighty God, grateful for our priceless inheritance,
and sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers who wrought for us, we offer this house to Thee
in humble sacrifice, and to dedicate ourselves anew to the worship of God in this place, and
to the honourable service of God, and country, and our fellow men in the spirit of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHOIR NUMBER—"The Heavens are Telling" Hayes
By GUEST CHOIR

DOXOLOGY Bourgeois

BENEDICTION—REV. PHILLIPS E. OSGOOD, D.D., Chap.-Res., Minneapolis.

RECESSIONAL—"The Stars and Stripes Forever" Sousa
THIRD INFANTRY BAND

- Informal Inspection of Chapel
- Concert—Third Infantry Band, Carl Dillon, Bandmaster
- Vistors Register in Front Vestibule

Sunday Evening, June Tenth

Seven-forty-five o'clock

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

Sponsored by the Luther League as a Young People's Service

Chaplain N. M. Ylvisaker, Presiding

CHURCH CALL (From Chapel Tower)—THIRD INFANTRY TRUMPETERS
OPENING CHORUS—GUEST CHOIR
CALL TO WORSHIP—CHAPLAIN FRANK C. RIDEOUT, United States Army
INVOCATION
HYMN NO. 115—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Mason
SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER
CHOIR NUMBER—GUEST CHOIR
ROLL CALL—Young People's Groups Responding, CHAPLAIN FRANK C. RIDEOUT
HYMN NO. 176—"The Church's One Foundation" Wesley
ADDRESS—REV. N. M. YLVISAKER, Captain-Chaplain, Res., Minneapolis
GREETINGS—COLONEL EDMUND P. EASTERBROOK, Chief of Chaplains, Washington, D. C.
CHOIR NUMBER—GUEST CHOIR
GREETING—REV. L. R. S. FERGUSON (Representing Reserve Chaplains), Lt.-Col.-Chap., Res., St. Paul.
HYMN NO. 158—"America" Carey
BENEDICTION—CHAPLAIN YLVISAKER

Monday Evening, June Eleventh

Seven-forty-five o'clock

SERVICES CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY

Third Infantry Band Concert

Open Air at 7:15 P. M.

DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER H. N. ROGERS, PRESIDING

CHURCH CALL—THIRD INFANTRY TRUMPETERS
PROCESSIONAL—From Parade Ground in Front of Chapel into Building
SELECTION—By HENNEPIN COUNTY AUXILIARY GLEE CLUB
INVOCATION—By FATHER NORMOYLE, Department Chaplain
GLORIA PATRI Greaterex
HYMN—"Faith of Our Fathers" Hemy and Walton
SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 27—By REV. M. D. HAFERMAN, Past Commander and Chaplain
PRAYER—By FATHER NORMOYLE, Department Chaplain
SELECTION—By HENNEPIN COUNTY AUXILIARY QUARTETTE
WORDS OF WELCOME—COLONEL W. E. WELSH, Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling
RESPONSE—VICE COMMANDER ROGERS
HYMN—"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
ADDRESS—By MRS. JOHN ZRUST, Chairman, Memorial Committee, American Legion Auxiliary
SELECTION—By HENNEPIN COUNTY AUXILIARY GLEE CLUB
ADDRESS
HYMN—"America"
BENEDICTION—By REV. M. D. HAFERMAN, Past Commander and Chaplain

Tuesday Evening, June Twelfth

Eight o'clock

SERVICES CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VARIOUS WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

CHURCH CALL—THIRD INFANTRY TRUMPETER
PROCESSIONAL—"Onward Christian Soldiers"—Congregation
Third Infantry Color Guard
Participating Clergymen and Speakers
Guests of Honor—Minnesota Amputation Post V. F. W.
DOXOLOGY—Congregation Standing
INVOCATION—CHAPLAIN RIDEOUT
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG—Congregation led by members of Amputation Post, V. F. W.
HYMN—"America"
READING OF SCRIPTURES AND PRAYER—COLONEL E. P. EASTERBROOK, Chief of Chaplains, Washington, D. C.
ANTHEM—GUEST CHOIR
WORDS OF WELCOME—COLONEL W. E. WELSH, Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling
ANTHEM—GUEST CHOIR
ADDRESS
ADDRESS—"A Shrine of Patriotism"—REV. F. M. ELIOT, Pastor Unity Church, St. Paul
HYMN—"America the Beautiful"
BENEDICTION—CHAPLAIN RIDEOUT
Music furnished by St. Mark's Choir, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, Stanley R. Avery, Director

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Daughters of American Revolution; Daughters of the Revolution; Women's Relief Corps; Minnesota Chapter Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America; Daughters of Union Veterans; Masonic Women of St. Paul; Fanny Padgham Circle, O. E. S.; Ella Sturgis Pennington Auxiliary, Army & Navy Union No. 21; Auxiliary No. 8, Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War; W. C. T. U.; Women's Overseas League; G. A. R. Ladies; Women of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota.

Boy Scouts of America from Minneapolis and St. Paul, Ushers.

The Fort Snelling Chapel and Community Center

An Unique Undertaking

The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center is unique for the following reasons:

1. Because it is the first Army house of worship ever erected by subscriptions obtained from all classes of citizens of a community adjacent to an Army garrison.
2. It is the first combination of the Church and Parish House idea ever devised for an Army Post.
3. It is the first Army place of worship where an attempt has been made by the architects to write the early pioneer history of the surrounding community into the architecture of a Chapel building.
4. It is the first strictly pan-sectarian Chapel ever erected at an Army garrison. Denominational agencies have sponsored Chapels for a few other Army posts, and even that has not happened during the past 50 or 60 years.
5. It is the beginning of a movement which, without doubt, will be nation wide within a very short time. Already some 20 Chaplains at other posts have secured literature, historical data and all available information concerning our plans, our financial campaigns, etc. State officials of practically all the leading patriotic and ex-service organizations are working on a plan to submit resolutions to their national bodies asking that steps be taken to wipe out the reproach of inadequate facilities and equipment for the moral and religious welfare of the

120,000 young men of our Army. While millions of American money is annually poured out for foreign missions, this large section of the youth of our land is without proper facilities for public worship.

6. The Chapel is unique in its relation to the civilian community. It is located in the geographical center of the park system of the Twin Cities. It is available as a shrine for rest, religious meditation and patriotic devotion for the people of the Twin Cities and for the many tourists from more distant parts of the country. For several years past the churches of the Twin Cities have manifested a keen and sympathetic interest in the religious work of the Chaplains at Fort Snelling. On many occasions they have brought large choirs and have assisted in memorable out-of-doors religious services during the period of the Summer Camps. Now, with the Chapel building a reality, this possibility may be greatly extended. Indeed, back of the original idea for a Chapel there was more than the dream of a beautiful building—there was also the dream of the use to which such a building might be put when secured. It is our hope that the new Chapel be put to such use, particularly on Sunday afternoons in providing musical programs, organ recitals, and non-sectarian services, as will render the largest possible good to the greatest possible number of persons. Thus will all the dream back of the original Chapel idea come true.

Chaplains Who Have Served at Fort Snelling, Minnesota

EZEKIL G. GEAR (Episcopalian)	Post Chaplain 1838-1858. Pioneer resident clergyman of Minnesota. Having been granted permission to extend his ministerial labors beyond the garrison, he established congregations and organized churches at various points outside of the Post, including St. Paul and Minneapolis. A painful accident suffered en route to Minnesota from Illinois left him a life-long cripple. He wrote early in his ministry: "I shall embrace every opportunity of preaching the gospel." This was the motto of his long and useful life.
CIVIL WAR PERIOD	No record of Chaplain service at Fort Snelling is available for the period of the Civil War.
JOHN WOART (Episcopalian)	Casualty at post from August 19, 1873, to November 15, 1873.
GEORGE G. MULLINS (Disciples of Christ)	Chaplain 25th Infantry, October 15, 1885, to May, 1886.
JOHN F. DOLPHIN (Catholic)	Chaplain 3rd Infantry, May 10, 1883, to January 24, 1891.
PATRICK J. HART (Catholic)	Post Chaplain March 3, 1893. Left post for Tampa, Florida, May 17, 1898 (Spanish-American War). Returned to post October 31, 1898. Left post January 30, 1899, returned to post October 1, 1900. Assigned to 8th Infantry. Left post with 8th Infantry for the Philippines, March 8, 1901.
LESLIE R. GROAVES (Presbyterian)	Chaplain 14th Infantry. Arrived at post August 30, 1901. Left post June 16, 1902.
JAMES OSSEWAWARDE (Dutch Reformed)	Chaplain 21st Infantry. Arrived at post June 21, 1902. Left post August, 1904.
JOHN E. DALLAM (Protestant Episcopal)	Chaplain 12th Infantry. Arrived at post August 24, 1904. Left post November 24, 1904.
STANLEY C. RAMSDEN (Baptist)	Chaplain 28th Infantry. Arrived at post January 8, 1909. Left post March 9, 1911, for San Antonio, Texas. Returned to post November 10, 1911. Left post for Galveston, Texas, February 11, 1913.
CHARLES O. PURDY (Disciples of Christ)	Chaplain 36th Infantry. Post Chaplain, 1917-1918.
FRANCIS C. RENIER (Catholic)	Chaplain 40th Infantry, 1917.
EDWARD T. McNALLY (Catholic)	Chaplain 41st Infantry, 1917.
LEE ROY S. FERGUSON (Episcopalian)	Chaplain 1st Minnesota Infantry, 1917.
WILLIAM J. HARRINGTON (Catholic)	Chaplain 1st Minnesota Field Artillery, 1917.
ELMER A. HUSSETT (Lutheran)	1919 Duty at General Hospital.
BERTRAM W. MAXWELL (Presbyterian)	1919 Duty at General Hospital.
ALBERT A. VIAU (Catholic)	1919 Duty at General Hospital.
BERNARD H. WESSLINGS (Catholic)	1919 Duty at General Hospital.
CLIFFORD L. MILLER (Universalist)	Post Chaplain, 1920.
ELMER A. HUSSETT (Lutheran)	Attached to post October 6, 1920. Left post October 20, 1920.
ALFRED C. OLIVER (Methodist)	Post Chaplain. Arrived November 29, 1920. Assigned to 3rd Infantry August, 1921. Left post October, 1923, for Hawaiian Territory.
FRANK C. RIDEOUT (Baptist)	Post Chaplain. Arrived for temporary duty at Summer Training Camps, June 15, 1923. Permanent duty September 1, 1923, to present date as Post Chaplain.

In addition to the above named Chaplains of the Regular Army, many clergymen of various denominations of the Chaplains' Reserve Corps have served on temporary duty during past years in connection with the Summer Training Camp.

Special Memorial Gifts

PIPE ORGAN

The Minnesota Department Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary are raising a fund of \$12,500.00 for the installation of a memorial pipe organ to be dedicated to the memory of all Minnesota soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in foreign lands while fighting under the Stars and Stripes. It is hoped that the memorial organ will be installed sometime during the summer.

TOWER CHIMES

The Auxiliary of the American Legion of Minnesota is raising a fund of \$4,000.00 for the installation of Degan Tower Chimes. The committee having this in charge report encouraging responses from all over the State and first payment has already been made. The Auxiliary also made a generous donation to the edifice fund.

ALTAR AND REREDOS

The Misses Grace and Beatrice Longfellow, Minneapolis, have placed the Altar and Reredos as a memorial to their father, Mr. Levi Longfellow, Minnesota citizen and soldier, who enlisted at Fort Snelling for service in the Civil War, at the age of 16 years. The hand carving on this and other special pieces of furniture was done by Alain Lang, of the American Seating Co. Mr. Lang is a nephew of Anton Lang, who plays the part of The Christ in the famous Obergammegau Passion Play.

LECTERN AND BIBLE

Installed by the Captain John Holmes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Minneapolis.

ALTAR COMMUNION RAILING

Installed by the General James Knapp Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Minneapolis.

THE PULPIT

Installed by the Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution. The carved continental soldier in base relief on pulpit, makes this a unique and beautiful piece of furniture.

BISHOP WHIPPLE MEMORIAL WINDOW

Placed in the Chapel by members of the Episcopal Church in memory of the Rt. Rev. Henry Benjamin Whipple, D.D., first Bishop of Minnesota, representing the Confirmations of Indians converted from savagery to Christianity. Bishop Whipple was known as "The Apostle to the Indians," and had great influence with these people.

CHANCEL WINDOW

Installed by Mrs. Charles A. Wheaton of St. Paul, as a memorial to her father, Jacob Henry Stewart, M.D., Surgeon, First Regiment of Minnesota Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, Civil War.

CHAPEL DOORS

The beautiful doors, both front and tower entrance, were made possible by the Minnesota Department of the Woman's Relief Corps. They also made a substantial donation to the edifice fund.

HYMNAL BOARDS and CHANCEL FRONT

Installed by the Minneapolis Lions Club.

LIGHTING SYSTEM and TABLET

For Chapel, Sunday School Rooms and Exterior. Installed by the Minnesota Chapter Daughters of the Revolution. The tablet is placed in honor of Chaplain Frank C. Rideout.

ILLUMINATED CROSS and CHANCEL LIGHTS

Installed by the Masonic Women, St. Paul. Memorial for all deceased Minnesota soldiers.

WINGED STONE FIGURE IN TOWER

Made possible by Mrs. E. A. Webb of St. Paul, who also made substantial donation to edifice fund. This figure represents the Knight Errant of good deeds. He may be a soldier, or symbol of peace, a crusader, a reformer, or a statesman. His reversed sword indicates that he is in the attitude of veneration for his departed comrades. His stern but kindly face is that of a man of firm resolve, stalwart determination and fixed character.

PEWS, BODY OF CHAPEL

One-half of the pews of main auditorium donated by the Minnesota Department of the American Legion. Three pews donated by Hamilton Fish Camp No. 7, United Spanish War Veterans, and Auxiliary. One pew donated by Ella Sturgis Pennington Auxiliary No. 21.

PEWS, CHANCEL

Donated by the Women of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota in memory of Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear.

TABLET, ITALIAN MARBLE

Installed as a memorial to the Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Chaplain, U. S. Army. First Chaplain to serve at Fort Snelling, 1838-1858. By Mr. Charles Mason Remy, Washington, D. C. (Tablet not yet received from Italy.)

COAT OF ARMS CARVING

Over Front Entrance. Design suggesting the American Flag indicating national character of chapel as attached to the military branch of the Government. The crossed tomahawks indicate the reminiscence of menacing dangers of the frontier and the protection afforded by the military garrison. This design was made possible by Mrs. Howard M. Curry, St. Paul, as a memorial to her father, William Wallace Clark.

BAPTISMAL FONT

Donated by the Erren Monument Company, St. Paul, as a memorial to Elizabeth R. Snelling, first white child born in Minnesota.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Partly donated by the various Sunday Schools of the Twin Cities. Piano donated by Mrs. H. N. Lyon, St. Paul.

Special Memorial Gifts

AMERICAN FLAG AND STAFF	Donated by the Fanny Padgham Circle, Order Eastern Star.
CHRISTIAN FLAG	Donated by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	Electric range donated by Mrs. F. H. Chapman, Minneapolis. Dishes and other equipment provided by the ladies of the Chapel Aid Society of Fort Snelling.
LANDSCAPING, PLANTS AND SHRUBBERY	The landscaping of the chapel grounds was done by Mr. John H. Bergen, Major Infantry-Reserve, Minneapolis. Donations of plants and shrubbery were made by the Minneapolis and St. Paul Park Boards, the Hoyt Nursery, Holm and Olson, and Rose Hill Nursery of St. Paul, and by the Holtzermanns Co. of Minneapolis.
MRS. M. A. BRONSON: AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT	Through the efforts of Mrs. Bronson, sponsored by Samuel Huntington Chapter, D. A. R., the sum of nearly \$300.00 was raised in the town of Brainerd.
TOTAL MEMORIAL GIFTS, \$25,000.00	The total value of all memorial gifts is approximately \$25,000.00.

Special Denominational Gifts

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.	\$250.00
UNIVERSALISTS, with headquarters in Boston, Mass.	1,000.00
NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN, with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.	2,000.00
AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, with headquarters in New York, N. Y.	2,000.00
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, with headquarters in New York, N. Y.	1,000.00

Grateful acknowledgment is made of special offerings which were given by the following churches:

Unity Church, Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal, First Baptist, First Methodist Episcopal, Temple Aaron Jewish Congregation, Mount Zion Hebrew Congregation, all of Saint Paul; and the Fourth Church of Christ Scientist, Minneapolis.

APPRECIATION

1. MR. WALTER H. WHEELER. Many men and women have given money for this memorial, but he has given himself. As chairman of the Building Committee, he has given unstintedly of time, energy and of painstaking effort. Our task would have been a very difficult one without his valuable assistance. He has responded to our numerous calls with cheerfulness and promptness. Such service as he has rendered can only be paid for in the genuine appreciation of a grateful people. Inasmuch as we cannot find words to adequately express that appreciation, we merely say: "Thank you, Mr. Wheeler."

2. TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS. Whether gifts have been large or small, to patriotic organizations, service and fellowship clubs, churches, business institutions, banking houses, and all not especially mentioned elsewhere; to Messrs. Hewitt & Brown, Inc., architects, Minneapolis, and Splady & Haagenon, builders; and to the donors of special memorials, we express our grateful appreciation.

3. TO OFFICERS, ENLISTED MEN, AND LADIES of the garrison who have made generous contributions of money, labor and effort extending over a period of five years, and who may all feel that our noblest aspirations and loftiest ideals are now built into this temple of worship, we express our most sincere gratitude, and extend to all our hearty congratulations upon the realization of what for more than a hundred years has been a cherished dream.

Signed:

W. E. Welsh

Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling,
President of Chapel Association.



COAT OF ARMS, 3RD U. S. INFANTRY

"The Old Guard of the Army"—General Winfield Scott

Fort Snelling is the home station of this fine old regiment—the oldest in the U. S. Army. The coat of arms has been placed in the round west window of the Chapel over the gallery. Its beautiful coloring makes it one of the distinctive features of structure.



When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them: "See! This our Fathers did for us".

John Ruskin

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The American Institute of Architects

Functions of the Architect



This circular is issued for the purpose of supplying information to those outside the profession of architecture who are interested in building.

The Building

As all buildings are seen, society has a right to demand that none be ugly; the life of the community requires that none be unsafe or dangerous to health; social economy requires that they be not wasteful of space or ill-suited to the purpose for which they are created. Every building is to some extent a public matter—even a private house. No building should be erected that is not an attractive addition to the landscape. A well-designed building is a more valuable property—a better investment. A well-constructed building is a more economical investment. No owner however gifted in other ways, no contractor however skilled, can design and build the simplest house equal in beauty, utility and cost to one completed under the guidance of a trained architect.

The Architect

An architect should have a fundamental knowledge of his art as an expression of beauty, of structural requirements and of practical design and planning. The practise of architecture requires business executive ability of a high order. Inasmuch as the owner's financial interests are deeply involved in the architect's action, the integrity of the latter must be above question. The development of a well equipped architect demands long and careful study and preparation.

Registration laws in many states require a high school training, graduation from a recognized collegiate school of architecture or ability to successfully pass special state examinations and specified terms of practical experience in an architect's office. Such legislation is yearly becoming more widespread and the provisions are increasing in stringency. A very usual preparation for the practise of architecture includes four to six years in a technical school or college, a year or two of travel and an extended apprenticeship in an established office.

The architect must be familiar with the history of architecture, with the various "styles," and with such allied arts as sculpture, craftsmanship, interior decoration and landscape design.

Properly to define and supervise the construction of any but the most elementary structure, the architect must either personally or through his organization have knowledge of all kinds of standard building materials and types of construction, with the ways in which different kinds of work are performed, and a competent understanding of the principles of heating and ventilating, plumbing and sanitation, electrical systems and other special departments of the building industry.

Certain buildings require special ability in exterior design, they must primarily be beautiful. Others require special knowledge of particular methods of construction. Still others

require technical familiarity with the peculiar uses for which they are erected.

Therefore the owner should consider the natural tendencies, training and special experience of the architect he proposes to employ for a specific type of building.

The Duties of the Architect and of the Owner

After he has been appointed, an architect obtains his client's description of the requirements, studies the problem from all available angles, advises the client of ways in which the first idea may be improved and makes rough drawings or sketches of the building, expressing this. These sketches should be modified and redrawn until both the owner and architect are satisfied that a completely adequate solution has been found. If an owner is not familiar with drawings as an expression of form, the architect should carefully explain them and if necessary have a model of the final structure made. It should be noted that the manufacture of such a model implies an added expense which the architect can not fairly be expected to assume. At this period, the owner should give to the study of the problem ample time and should make a personal effort to fully inform the architect and to understand his solution.

When the sketches have been finally approved, working drawings with dimensions and notes and specifications are made. Large scale and typical full size details are often drawn at this time. The production of working drawings is very costly. Changes in them usually involve serious expense. Hence working drawings should not be begun until the scheme is well developed and determined. The owner should freely give his personal time to an examination of these drawings, the details and specifications. Although he may not understand all of the technicalities he will know how the different parts of the work are to be treated and will be able to discuss with the architect points that might otherwise be contrary to his desires.

The next step is that of obtaining proposals from contractors. If competitive bids are desired, the architect usually prepares a list and should carefully examine the ability, financial responsibility and reputation of those he recommends. When the owner selects the contractor, the architect usually feels relieved of responsibility. However, he should report his objections to the owner if he believes the con-

tractor is unsuitable. The owner may employ one general contractor or several for different parts of the work and when a contractor has been selected the architect prepares the contracts and should have the necessary legal knowledge and experience to do this satisfactorily in the ordinary case without the use of an attorney. The American Institute of Architects issues special forms for this purpose as well as for other contractual relations.

During the progress of the construction, the architect supervises the work and he should diligently guard the interests of the owner inasmuch as they might be damaged by inferior work, improper bills or unjustified claims for extra payments. At the same time he should see that the terms of the contract are fulfilled in a just and equitable manner as regards both owner and contractor. In view of the fact that he must remain an unbiased judge of all questions, he should have no financial interest in the building operation and therefore cannot assume any guarantee of the cost to the owner.

The Reasons for Employing an Architect

All building undertakings are better and more valuable if they are more beautiful. A building is a better investment when it is well planned and if it be attractive in appearance. Bad planning, waste space, poor means of circulation, fire hazards, usually result in loss of income, higher percentages of taxes to income and increased insurance rates. In many engineering problems, bridges and towers, for instance, an architect is called into consultation to determine the design just as in more predominantly architectural problems a structural engineer is called in to design the steel skeleton.

The average client is unequipped to design or direct the construction of his building. His attempt to do so is as certain to court disaster as would be his untrained effort to supplant his physician for his own cure.

The architect usually saves his client considerable unnecessary expenditures of money by eliminating or lessening the number of expensive changes after the contract has been let. When contractors' competitive bids are received well defined plans and specifications permit accurate estimates thereby eliminating the addition of large sums to guard against uncertainty. The architect obtains for the owner all the benefits that accrue from legitimate competition. If the contract be let on a cost

and percentage or fixed profit basis he carefully checks the accounts. He also secures for the owner proper compliance with the contract and the elimination of defective material and workmanship.

The Architect's Charges and the Cost of the Work

The fees to be paid should always be discussed frankly by owner and architect and determined clearly at the beginning of the operation. If the proper amount or rate of charge cannot be settled until the extent of the work has become definite, a preliminary charge for consultation, early sketches or estimates will usually be found acceptable to the architect.

The Schedule of Proper Minimum Charges of the American Institute of Architects defines the customary fees if the work be performed on a percentage basis. If the operation be divided into several contracts the architect's labor is greatly increased, and he eventually performs the work for which a general contractor would be employed, who would probably receive ten per cent for his services. In such event the architect should be adequately paid for such additional services by a marked increase in the percentage of his fee. It is usual for the owner to pay for the cost of special engineering services, traveling expenses, blue-prints, long distant telephone calls and telegrams.

Two other forms of compensating the architect obtain to some extent. The architect may agree with the owner upon a specified lump sum for his services in supplying drawings, specifications and even supervision for the whole operation; or he may be paid for his expenses in doing the work plus an agreed profit which may be either a percentage of this cost or a lump sum for the architect's personal services.

An architect may be employed to make drawings without supervision of the construction or to supervise without having made the design, but this is generally unsatisfactory for both owner and architect.

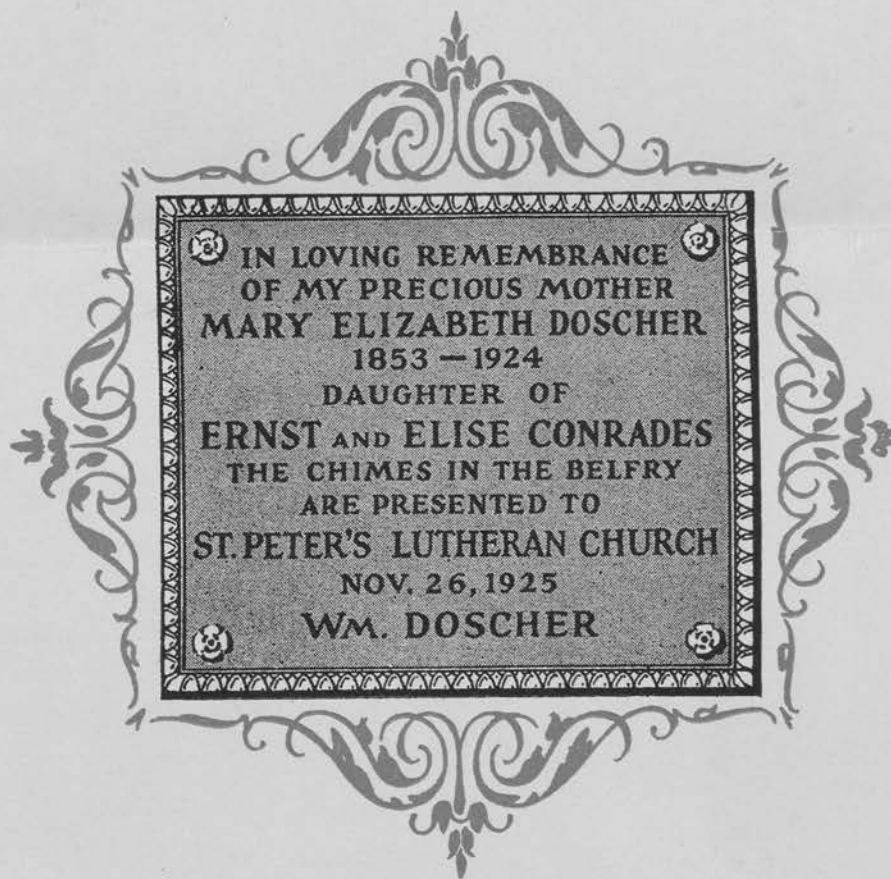
In general the production of simple standardized work requiring little detail is less expensive than work requiring a large number of detail drawings. The cost of producing drawings for a small operation is proportionately very much higher than for a large one. The office expenses of the architect in producing drawings and specifications is much greater than the average client realizes. Much time is absorbed in the thorough study of the simplest problems. He must usually make many sketches in order to arrive at the best solution. He must be prepared to employ competent and expensive assistance in making the working drawings.* To this must be added the cost of specification writing, stenography, rent, drawing materials and other overhead expenses without taking account of the superintendence which usually occupies from six months to a year. Furthermore the architect's office force must be maintained at all times in a high degree of efficiency. Consideration of these facts will show that the usual professional charges of an architect are small in comparison with his expenses and the work he does.

The Selection of an Architect

The ability of the architect properly to perform his duties makes for the success or failure of the building entrusted to him. Moreover, he is the disbursing officer of his client, in control of large expenditures. The architect who wisely administers the duties entrusted to him may greatly reduce the cost of a building. If the public realized this fully, they would select with care the architect best fitted to the requirements of each building operation. Except for certain forms of public and semi-public work a "competition" is not considered by the American Institute of Architects the best means of making such a selection. The custom of asking for preliminary sketches before making a selection and therefore before serious study of the problem can take place, is deplored and condemned. An architect should be selected with the same careful consideration of his work and reputation as an attorney or physician. When this is done, those who build reap the benefit by actually receiving full value for the funds they expend and the public at large is benefitted in more beautiful and more useful buildings.

* In 1923 the salaries of competent architectural draughtsmen vary from \$40.00 to \$80.00 per week and many drawings require the exclusive time of one man for several weeks.

In Demoriam



THESE IMPRESSIVE WORDS WERE SPOKEN BY
REVEREND DR. ALFRED B. MOLDENKE AT THE
DEDICATION OF THE CHIMES PRESENTED TO
ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF
MARY ELIZABETH DOSCHER BY HER SON WILLIAM
DOSCHER ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIXTH 1925

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Creator of all things, who hast caused Thy light to break forth from the darkness, so that order and beauty and harmony might fill the earth, hear us as we pray. Grant that these Chimes, which we are about to dedicate to Thee, may yield a fruitful ministry; may they bear a message of strength to all believers, a message of encouragement to the faint-hearted, a message of assurance to the sick, the afflicted, and the sad. May they sing sweet melodies of Christian faith to all children, whose lives are helped or hurt by the sounds they hear. May they recall the claims of Christ to all wanderers, thus bringing them

back to their God. May every ringing of these Chimes be a summons to worship and an invitation to pray. May their tones resound so sweetly over this, Thy sanctuary, that they shall suggest and present the music of the higher life of Heaven. And so now let us designate these Chimes as fit for Thy worship and let us dedicate them to this high service. And may Thy blessing attend us, we ask it through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

In the Faith of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, we now dedicate these Tower Chimes to the Glory of God, to the Spread of His Holy Word and Church, and in loving memory of His servant, in whose honor they have been erected by a devoted son, in the Name of God, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

During the act of dedication there was played on the Chimes, "The Doxology."

DEDICATORY PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD, who from ancient times has put it into the hearts of Thy people to make offerings for Thy service and for the use of Thy sanctuary, and who hast been pleased at all times to accept gifts at their hands; we pray Thee to accept this memorial, which we have now set apart in Thy Name. May Thy blessing rest on

this gift and on the giver of it, that Thy Church may be benefitted, Thy worship made more worthy, and Thy Name be exalted and glorified continually. We ask it all in the Name and for the Merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TABLET

The memory of the just is blessed.—Prov. 10, 7.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.—Psalm 112, 6.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.—Psalm 103, 1.2.

LET us herewith make known to an attentive and appreciative people the name, written in lasting bronze, of one of whom it has been given to be an obedient daughter, a loyal spouse, and a devoted and precious mother; the child of one of the sainted pillars of this Church; and the rearer of one of its faithful members of today; a name whose beloved sound shall ring out to the Glory of God from lofty belfry tower in sweet melody, and whose golden writ engraved upon this tablet of

honor shall be familiar and dear to God's people, as they enter the sanctuary to meditate and pray, as once it was, when its bearer was active in the Sunday School, a name, precious to a companion of a lifetime, and to the stalwart sons and heirs, a treasure to be loved and honored; a name that shall abide in the remembrance of this, her Church, where she was born and reared and died, a name that stands for Mother and all that Mother means:

MARY ELIZABETH
DOSCHER.

During the act of unveiling there was played on the Chimes the Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee, Nearer to Thee"





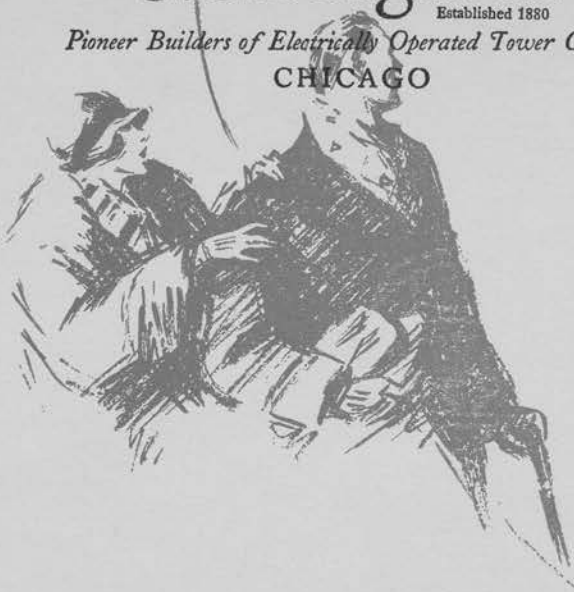
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In Memory of Our Comrades Who Fell on Foreign Soil

MINNESOTA'S most unique and outstanding Memorial, the new Fort Snelling Chapel, is almost completed. It will serve the religious, social and recreational needs of the 2,500 men, women and children of the garrison, as well as of the boys from all sections of the Northwest who attend the Civilians Military Training Camp in the summertime, the Reserve Officers Training Camp and the Reserve Officers.

The Chapel stands as a monument to the patriotism and moral earnestness of the citizens of the state whose contributions have made it possible. As a shrine of patriotism, situated in the very center of the park system of the greatest metropolitan center of the Northwest, it will fill a long-felt want in the life of the historic garrison.

A pipe organ is needed to make the Chapel a completed entity. The

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary have dedicated themselves to the task of raising a fund of \$12,500 to purchase this organ and place it in the Chapel as a memorial to Minnesota's heroic dead who fell on foreign soil. The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Association, Inc., has heartily endorsed the effort, seeing therein the complete culmination of their years of endeavor. The project also has the wholehearted endorsement of the Governor of Minnesota, and leading men and women of the state.

It is singularly appropriate for the Veterans of Foreign Wars to undertake this task, for the emblem of their organization is the Cross of Malta, and they always have stood for the highest and truest service in any patriotic cause. Will you help them erect this magnificent memorial for their comrades who made the supreme sacrifice in foreign lands while fighting under the Stars and Stripes?

"I HEARTILY endorse the purpose of the campaign being undertaken by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary of the Department of Minnesota. I feel that it is especially fitting an organ be placed in the Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling as a tribute to the men of Minnesota who have given their lives on foreign soil in the service of our country."

—THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,
Governor of Minnesota.

CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MAILED TO
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
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W. P. CHRISTIAN, GENERAL CHAIRMAN
754 BUILDERS EXCHANGE



Altar Carving by Mr. Aloin Lang of Oberammergau

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

The Story of the Chapel

Shortly after World War I, this beautiful stone Chapel was built by public contributions, both civilian and military, and presented to the Military Post. The Post was deactivated in 1946, and later the Chapel was scheduled to be demolished to make way for the new highways which now criss-cross the area.

But public protest, prestige and dedicated friends saved the Chapel and it has now become an integral part of Fort Snelling State Historical Park. The Park was created by an act of the 1961 Minnesota State Legislature after the Federal Government gave about 2,500 wooded and watered acres to the State.

Several years ago a group of friends of the Chapel permanently organized the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit organization and leases the Chapel from the State to conduct regular non-denominational worship services every Sunday and on special religious, historic and patriotic holidays.



Officially called to serve as Chaplain for the Foundation is Dr. Clifford Ansgar Nelson, a well known Twin City Minister. The Reverend Dr. Nelson has served as protestant Chaplain of the Senate and is a former President of the Minnesota Council of Churches.

Dr. Nelson currently appears on TV as a panel member of the American Religious Town Hall Sunday program at 10 a.m. on Channel 5, station KSTP.

More than sixty historic Memorials which were donated by many groups and individuals include over a dozen stained glass windows which depict the colorful history of Minnesota's hardy pioneers . . . names like Pond, Gear, Sibley, Ireland and others.

Veterans' Memorial Services

The Chapel was built to honor the memory of every Minnesotan who has given his life in the service of his country in all our wars. On the Chapel Altar, in the Book of Remembrance, are inscribed the names of those who have given their lives in the Vietnam war. These men are given special State-wide honor and recognition when their names are read aloud in the several Vietnam Memorial services held each year. Final military honors are accorded them with a uniformed Color Guard, bugler's taps and rifle salute. This is the last Roll Call for our boys.

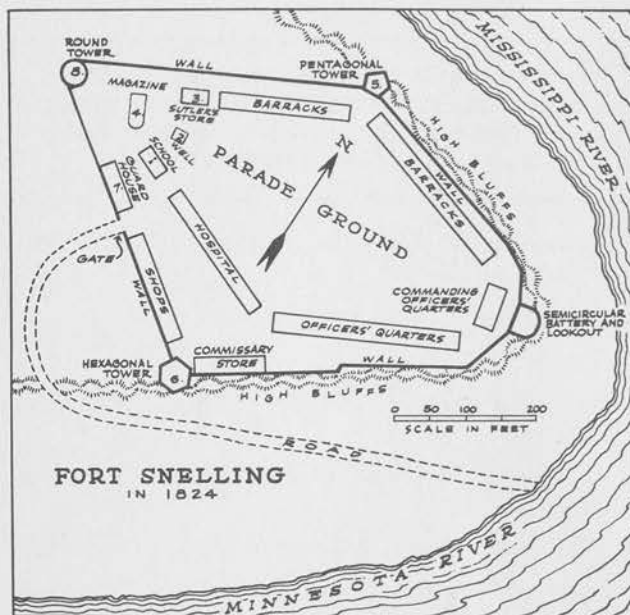
From all across the state, their parents, wives, and families join us for these special memorial services. Here they meet the kin of others who have fallen, drawn together by a common bond.

Regular Worship Services

Every Sunday at 11 a.m. worship services are held the year round. On Memorial occasions and other special Sundays an extra service is held at 9 a.m.

Excellent guest choirs and soloists from the Twin Cities and around the State bring a variety of rich, colorful music to the worship. Accompanied by Mrs. Viola Olson, whose great talent on the magnificent 3 manual organ is unsurpassed, every Sunday becomes a memorable event.

With a seating capacity of 500, many veterans and non-veterans of all faiths are using the Chapel for weddings and funerals. (The State does not make a building rental charge for funerals or memorial services for veterans.)



1820 — FORT SNELLING SESQUICENTENNIAL — 1970 150 Years of Colorful History

In 1820 Col. Josiah Snelling started building the Fort and in four years completed 14 stone and 2 log buildings surrounded by a stone wall 10 feet high.

Few people are aware that 4 of the original buildings stood through all these years . . . the Round and Hexagonal Towers, the Commandant's house and officers' quarters . . . though the latter two were greatly altered several times.

A few years ago the Minnesota Historical Society conducted an archaeological exploration of the old Fort area and 16 months of digging uncovered the foundations of nearly half of the original structures of 150 years ago.

A ten-year program for complete reconstruction of the Fort was approved in 1965 by the Legislature at an estimated cost of 2 million dollars to be furnished by federal and state funds and the contributions of private citizens.

Construction was started in 1966, and by 1970 half of the original structures were rebuilt: the Schoolhouse, Well, Sutler's Store, Powder Magazine, Guardhouse, Pentagonal Tower, Hexagonal Tower, Round Tower and a section of wall.

The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation joins heartily in the Sesquicentennial celebration and seeks to emphasize the fact that religion played a large part in shaping the frontiers of our State. Fort Snelling, from its beginning, was a spiritual center from which flowed the founding of churches and synagogues. The Foundation's purpose today is "to promote and encourage public interest, appreciation, and understanding of Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel in Fort Snelling State Park as a spiritual center of religious, historical and patriotic activities".

Funds are needed to support these unusual Chapel programs and we invite individuals, military groups, service clubs and private trusts to become members and sponsors of the Chapel Foundation.

Membership in the Foundation is open to all who make a contribution as follows:

1. Life Members - \$1,000.00 or more.
2. Patrons - \$500.00 or more in the current year.
3. Sustaining Members - \$100.00 or more in the current year.
4. Contributing Members - \$50.00 or more in the current year.
5. Group membership - \$25.00 or more in the current year.
6. Recorded members - \$10.00 or more in the current year.
Family - \$15.00.

The membership form below is suitable for either new members or renewals of current memberships.

Please enroll me as a member of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation for the next 12 months. Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Please enter my name as a _____ member and mail my membership card to:

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Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

Dr. Clifford Ansgar Nelson, Chaplain

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A Service of Rededication for Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 15, 1964

at 3:30 o'clock

Dr. Clifford Ansgar Nelson, presiding

ORGAN PREPARATION

"Pièce Heroique"	- - - - -	C. Frank
"Choral Prelude"	- - - - -	Purvis
"Carillon de Westminster"	- - - - -	Vierne

Mr. C. Wesley Andersen, A.A.G.O.; Organist and choirmaster,
 St. John The Evangelist Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN - - - - - The National Hymn

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
By Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud and praise be ever Thine. Amen.

THE INVOCATION

Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein, Mt. Zion Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Rev. Alton Motter, Executive Director, Minnesota Council of Churches

THE ANTHEM

"A Hymn of Freedom" - - - - - *Thiman*
The choir of St. John The Evangelist Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

TWO BRIEF ADDRESSES

A Greeting from the State of Minnesota
Major-General Chester J. Moeglein, Adjutant General for the State of Minnesota

A Welcome to the Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel
Mr. Russel Fridley, Director of the Minnesota Historical Society

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

(An offering will be received to be at the disposal of the Committee on the Continued Use of the Chapel.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Thy Church, O God, Her Heart To Thee Upraiseth" - - - - - *Thiman*
The choir of St. John The Evangelist Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

THE DOXOLOGY

AN ACT OF REDEDICATION

The singing of America - - - - - Stanzas 1 & 2

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where by fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side, let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble, free, thy name I love;
I love the rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, life that above

The reading of the Litany for Rededication

O God, for the faith that has made and kept our nation strong, and has made her the bearer of hope and courage to all men:

Thanks be to Thee, O God.

For the love and devotion that made possible the erection of this chapel in years past and made it an inspiration to many over the years.

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For the privilege of again worshipping Thee in this place and using this hallowed place for prayer and praise and thanksgiving:

We thank Thee, O God.

Accept this building anew from our hearts and our hands as we re-dedicate it to thy service and for the use of the people of this state:

We offer it to Thee in consecration.

Grant that this hallowed place may strengthen and establish our people in righteousness, in personal character and integrity:

We beseech Thee to hear our prayer and bless us.

From prejudice of race and color, making schism in the commonwealth; from all inequity and injustice that begets ill-will and spoils fraternity; from loss of liberty bequeathed to us by our sires and from careless acceptance of our heritage and neglect of its responsibilities:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the decline of pure religion; from failure of moral fibre in our citizenship; from all accounting of things material above virtues spiritual; from vulgarity of life, loss of social consciousness, and collapse of national character:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the deep faith on which the foundations of our land were laid and by the sacrifices of its pioneers; by the memory of leaders of our State, whose wisdom has saved us, whose devotion has chastened us, whose characters have inspired us:

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

By the undeserved wealth of a great state committed to us and by our trusteeship of power to work weal or woe on the earth:

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Keep us from pride and from boasting tongue; save us from narrow loyalties; enlarge our horizons to encompass the good of all men; inspire us to give our best that there may be liberty and justice, freedom and brotherhood for all within our borders. Accept this chapel and let it be the source of inspiration to all who come within her hallowed walls:

Lord, hear our prayer and mercifully bless the people of this state. Amen.

The rededication ceremony

The singing of America - - - - - Stanzas 3 & 4

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our father's God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God our king. Amen.

THE BARITONE SOLO—"Recessional" - - - - - *Kipling-De Koven*

Mr. Kenneth Hansen

THE CLOSING PRAYER AND THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Harvey Egan, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Mendota, Minnesota

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN—"America The Beautiful" - - - - - *Materna*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America, America, God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America, America, God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America, America, may God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot's dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America, America, God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea. Amen.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Fanfare" - - - - - *Rogers*

Mr. C. Wesley Andersen

Dr. Clifford Ansgar Nelson is the chairman of the committee on the Continued Use of the Chapel. Suggestions and requests may be directed to him at 3615 Beard Ave. N., Minneapolis 22. 588-2245; or to the Park Planner, Mr. Clinton Johnson, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.

An inter-faith Thanksgiving Day service will be held in the Chapel on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th at 10:30 A.M. Dr. Nelson will speak and special music has been provided. All are invited.

FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL

in historic Fort Snelling State Park

The Hon. Karl Rolvaag, Governor, the State of Minnesota

Mr. Wayne Olson, Commissioner of Conservation

Mr. U. W. Hella, Director of State Parks

Mr. Samuel H. Morgan, President, Fort Snelling Park Association

Mr. Raymond D. Black, Vice President, Fort Snelling Park Association

Mr. Reuel D. Harmon, Vice President, Fort Snelling Park Association

Mr. Leslie W. Myers, Vice President, Fort Snelling Park Association

Mr. Thomas C. Savage, Vice President, Fort Snelling Park Association

Mrs. Adolph E. Johnson, Secretary, Fort Snelling Park Association

Mr. Burton N. Noah, Treasurer, Fort Snelling Park Association

The Rev. Richard Keene Smith, Chairman, Chapel Committee

In envisaging the chapel before it was built in 1927, Chaplain Frank C. Rideout of Fort Snelling wrote the following ". . . *It will be a chapel which will be a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the religious conviction of the people of the state; it will be a perpetual reminder of their appreciation of the sacrifices of Snelling soldiers during the pioneer days of the commonwealth, and of those who made the supreme sacrifice in all our great wars. Such a chapel will make vocal forever the gratitude of Minnesota people for the gallant spirits of the Northwest who trained in the Officers' Training Camps at Fort Snelling, many of whom gave up their lives for their country in the World War. This proposed chapel will provide a shrine where the friends of those who have died for America may come, as on a holy pilgrimage, have been so fondly loved, and are now lost awhile.*"

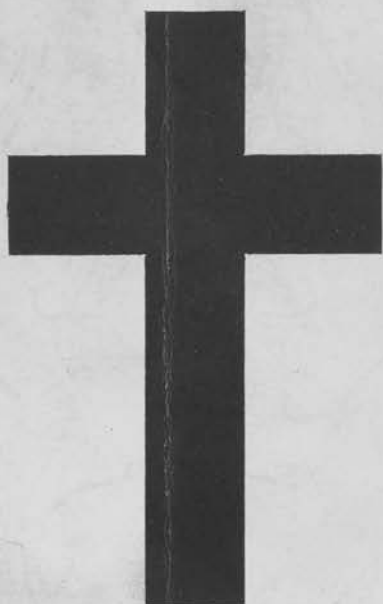
One thing which Chaplain Rideout and those garrisoned with him at Fort Snelling did not foresee was that the historic post would be deactivated and no longer be used by our military personnel. As a result, the chapel so beautifully built in a great architectural style fell into disuse and abuse. When the Fort Snelling Park Association was formed, one of its concerns was the restoration and use of the chapel. Accordingly the legislature appropriated money, and the chapel committee worked to this end. The rededication service on November 15, 1964 (the Sunday after Veterans' Day) is an appropriate new beginning of the chapel in accordance with the noble conceptions of Chaplain Rideout.

Program courtesy of First National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota

Flowers courtesy of friends

Ushers from Fremont Avenue Congregational Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

A coffee hour in the undercroft will follow the service. All are invited. Take this opportunity to tour the building.



SHOULD THE
FORT SNELLING MILITARY RESERVATION
BE PROVIDED WITH A
HOUSE OF DIVINE WORSHIP?

AND, IF SO,
HOW CAN IT BE PROVIDED?

By
CHAPLAIN FRANK C. RIDEOUT,
Captain, United States Army



COAT OF ARMS, 3RD U. S. INFANTRY
"The Old Guard of the Army"—General Winfield Scott
 Now stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Introduction

FORT SNELLING, founded in the year 1819, has now entered upon the second century of its existence as a military garrison. During all these years this fine old military post has never had an adequate and suitable place for divine worship; and this condition obtains today in spite of the fact that it is one of the most important military posts in the entire nation, having a population of over 1500 enlisted men, 75 officers, and approximately 500 civilians, including the wives and children of officers and non-commissioned officers.

It is to the everlasting credit of our nation as a whole that such a deplorable condition exists in very few communities of equal population, while there are thousands of country hamlets and villages of equal size which may boast of half a dozen or more churches. Indeed there are many communities having less than a score of families, which take a just pride in the fact that they have at least one consecrated building within their midst.

It is almost a startling fact, when we look upon it in the light of the modern missionary enterprise, that Fort Snelling, lying on the very fringe of the Twin Cities with a permanent, though ever-changing, population of about two thousand souls, has absolutely no settled place for the worship of God. Fort Snelling, older than the oldest city of the commonwealth of Minnesota, has witnessed the growth of these great cities with their cathedrals of commerce; their remarkable, world-renowned industries; their social enterprises; and their magnificent churches. And yet, Fort Snelling has existed all these years without even a place where the Ark of the Covenant might rest. And nobody seems to have been offended. Nobody has seemed to complain. And everybody seems tolerably content to just let things go on and on this way forever. On the other hand it has been one of the scandals of our civilization that churches have overlapped and duplicated their efforts in many places

in order to out-do one another denominationally; and so keen has been the rivalry that multitudes of villages with less than two thousand souls have half a score or more of churches, all struggling to do just about the same thing.

Historical

HISTORICALLY, Fort Snelling holds the central place of interest in all the panorama of wonderful life enacted in the romantic days of the opening up of the regions of the great Northwest. Primarily, it was a religious enthusiasm which gave this territory to the nation. Devoted missionaries of the Church, Marquette, Allouez, Hennepin, and other intrepid souls, came first to plant the standard of the Cross amidst the savage tribes of the northland. Loyal to the traditions of their sacred calling, they left the imprint of their early presence as nomenclators—naming rivers, lakes, and islands for their patron saints.

Then came the British fur traders, Lords of the North, exercising their baronial power far from the critical eyes of a juster civilization. In the frontier days Fort Snelling stood as a bulwark of defense against the encroachments of those whose only interest was the exploitation of the Indian, and the natural resources of his native soil. In those far-off days, three or four generations removed from our own, the soldiers of the nation put their sacred lives and fortunes between the infant settlements of the great north country and all possible danger. For over half a century officers and enlisted men of the army remained on duty at this lonely outpost of our pioneer civilization, for no other purpose than to protect the early settlers and their infant industries.

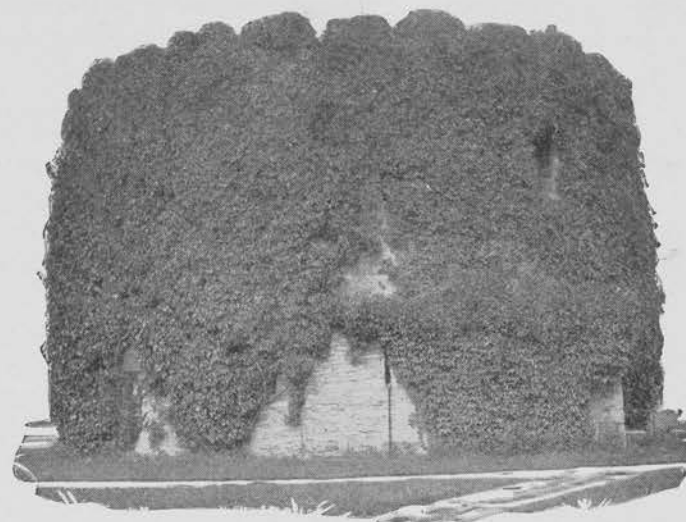
The history of Fort Snelling records suffering upon the part of the nation's soldiery during those early years, which, for heroism and devotion to an ideal, only has a parallel in the annals of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock. As high as 40 soldiers—one-third of the troops at the garrison—died while striving to endure the rigors of the first winter. This fact gives some faint idea of the privations which were endured, and the sacrifices which were made by members of the military establishment, in order that the early settlers might be safeguarded and the processes of civilization carried forward. The death of such men was indeed honorable. As an early writer says: "They passed away on a remote frontier, amid a wilderness and under circumstances of pri-

vation and general distress most difficult to describe, and were buried in obscure and lonely graves whose location has long been unknown. But they were American soldiers, and died in the service of their country. And there can be no more glorious death. The possession of this new country demanded sacrifices, and those gallant spirits were the first martyrs to the cause of development and civilization of Minnesota and the Northwest."

Now that the greatest industrial, commercial, and educational centers of the northwest lie within a few minutes ride from the Fort Snelling reservation, that fine old garrison which was the only guardian and guarantee of our civilization in all those early years, should not be neglected in being left without that one institution which ministers to men in the things of morality and the spiritual life.

Cradle of Early Church and Sunday School

VERY early in the history of the post, Mrs. Snelling, wife of Colonel Josiah Snelling who commanded the garrison from 1819 to 1824 and in whose honor it was named, together with Mrs. Nathan Clark another officer's wife, organized and maintained the first Sunday School in the land of the Dakotas of which Minnesota was a part. Thus



THE OLD ROUND TOWER
"The Most Historic Building in the Great Northwest"

the Fort Snelling Sunday School was three or four years in existence before the historic Sunday School organized in the log cabin home of the Ponds on the shore of Lake Harriet.

The first revival of evangelical religion on the soil of Minnesota, likewise, was at Fort Snelling in the year 1834. And, strange to relate, the instrument used of God in this religious awakening was none other than the Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling, Major Gustavus Loomis. The records of those days speak of him as "A soldier as

loyal to his Lord and Master as to his country." In the absence of ordained religious leadership, Major Loomis, who had been a Presbyterian Elder in his home church in the sunny southland, conducted religious services at the garrison and a considerable number of the soldiers of his command embraced Christianity. At just about this same time a group of representatives of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions (A.B.C.F.M.) arrived at Fort Snelling for work among the Indians, amongst whom were the Reverend Thomas S. Williamson, M.D., D.D., and his young wife. The following year, on June 11, 1835, they organized "The First Presbyterian Church at Saint Peters." This was the first church to be founded in the Northwest, and was organized at old Fort Snelling in the very shadow of the Round Tower and was named for the near-by river, Saint Peters, now the Minnesota River.

Among the first elders of this first church, in addition to Major Gustavus Loomis, Senior Elder, who afterwards became a Brigadier General in the army, was Henry H. Sibley then in charge of a fur trading station across the river at Mendota and who was destined afterwards to become the first governor of the state of Minnesota. Other names among the first communicants, such as Pond, Huggins, Ogden, and Stevens are familiarly and inseparably linked up with the history of those early days, and their descendants are still to be found in and about the twin cities. The First Presbyterian Church of the city of Minneapolis is the direct descendant of that early church, and one of the most impressive ceremonies of their church year is their annual pilgrimage out to the military garrison to celebrate their noble and illustrious beginnings.

Present Facilities for Divine Worship

FOR many years past the only building available for religious services has been an abandoned schoolhouse, a small frame structure of uninviting appearance, both inside and out, and most unfortunately located in close proximity to the rather pretentious Post Guard House. It has a seating capacity of some seventy-five adult persons, and has recently been abandoned as an unsuitable place for divine worship.

For the present all religious services, Catholic and Protestant, are being held at the Enlisted Men's Service Club—a building erected as a rest and recreation house for convalescent patients during the days of the World War, when Fort Snelling was practically made over into a hospital for returned soldiers. This building is comfortable, but inadequate for worship in a thousand ways.

It is a mighty difficult thing to change the furnishings of a room for divine worship on Sunday morning where there has been a dancing party the evening before, to say nothing of the distracting atmosphere of the place. Suppose the Clergymen of the Twin Cities were obliged to go down to the dance halls of their respective communities to hold their religious services every Sunday! Suppose they were obliged to take a few of their faithful ones along to get these places into shape for their Sunday Schools and Lord's Day Services! Suppose they were obliged to conduct their worship without the expenditure of funds for music, printing, and the many little incidentals which make for perfection! Suppose they had no organ, no choir; not even a piano, excepting the one which was tuned to concert pitch for use of the orchestra for dance music.

Reverend Edward F. Casey, from St. Thomas College, St. Paul, is in charge of all Catholic Services at the Fort. In a recent communication to the Commanding Officer, among other admirable things, he says:

"The Club seems to be sufficiently large, but as a place for assisting at Mass it is most unsatisfactory. Despite every effort on the part of the Official Chaplain, and of the

thoughtful, tactful matron in charge, the architecture, the furnishings, the atmosphere of the place, all are out of keeping with the holy sacrifice. The altar during Mass occupies the center of a stage on which, during the week, a dozen different functions must be provided for. A kindergarten school, movies, dances, and variety shows have their turn; and the frail altar must be carted about by strange and unfamiliar hands. The vestments are subject to the casual inspection of the curious; the altar furnishings are without adequate protection. Thus it is that the Catholics of the Fort are looking eagerly forward to the day when they can assist at Mass in an atmosphere free from such a multiplicity of distractions.

Yet they are not content to await idly, while the commandant provides a Post Chapel. They feel that this is a consummation devoutly to be pushed, and accordingly they are giving a hand.—Some of them have recalled the historic fact that the first name selected for the military post established in 1819 was 'Fort Saint Anthony' and they feel that the wonder-worker of Padua may interest himself in helping to provide a fitting place of divine worship for the outpost that once bore his name."

Children Ask for Church

THE residents at Fort Snelling have long been keenly sensitive to the need for a suitable place in which to carry on their Sunday School and the public worship of Almighty God. On the first Sunday of the New Year 1924, the children of the garrison assembled in their Post Sunday School, after studying their lesson for that day, were so profoundly impressed with the story of Abraham building an altar in the wilderness for the worship of the Almighty that they appointed a committee of their own number, all under fifteen (15) years of age, to draft a resolution embodying their prayers for a suitable place in which to study the Sacred Scripture and in which to learn how to pray and worship God. Following is the resolution which they drafted after having spent practically the entire afternoon struggling with suitable words and phrases to express their profound desire:

1. At the regular session of the Fort Snelling Sunday School held at the Service Club this first Sunday of the New Year, we studied for our Bible lesson the story of Abraham, the father of the faithful, building an altar for the worship of God in the chosen land of Israel.

2. This reminds us of the fact that we in this post are without a suitable place for the worship of the Almighty, and, in the name of 1500 soldiers stationed here, and the 150 children of the garrison, we do hereby express our most earnest prayer that a House of Worship may soon be provided for. A resolution to this effect was adopted by the Sunday School this date.

3. We respectfully request that the Commanding Officer seek the assistance of the War Department, and of such civilian organizations and agencies as will, as soon as possible, provide this post with a Chapel.

Signed on behalf of the Fort Snelling Sunday School, by
the Committee appointed to frame this resolution:

(Signed)

ELSIE K. SIMPSON
WILLIAM R. HAZELRIGG
DOROTHY HALLER
KENNETH W. SNODGRASS
AMOS S. WAINER

Committee

It is enough to say that if this earnest prayer and petition of little children is denied, then America is not the Christian nation which we have supposed it to be.

The Question of Civilian Assistance

BUT some one is sure to ask, "Why don't these Army people build themselves a church?" Other communities build churches for themselves, why not Fort Snelling? The person who propounds such a proposition forgets that an Army constituency is made up of individuals who are here today, and, for the convenience of the Government, some where else tomorrow. An Army constituency is continually changing in personnel, and, for that reason they hesitate to take the same sacrificial interest in public buildings as do their civilian brothers, who have a permanent abiding place.

But so insistent has been the desire for a Chapel at Fort Snelling that a start was actually made last year for funds with which to build a Chapel; and the sum of nearly three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars was realized, while promises of several thousand dollars more in memorial windows were secured. But the very persons who were most active in that enterprise a year ago are now scattered to the four corners of the nation, and away in the islands of thesea. In order to realize sufficient funds for the building of a suitable temple for the worship of God, it would take something like ten or fifteen years of sacrificial effort upon the part of an ever-changing personnel. Where is the church that could pursue a successful building enterprise under such a handicap? It cannot be done by the Army constituency unless they are materially assisted by persistent and united civilian effort.

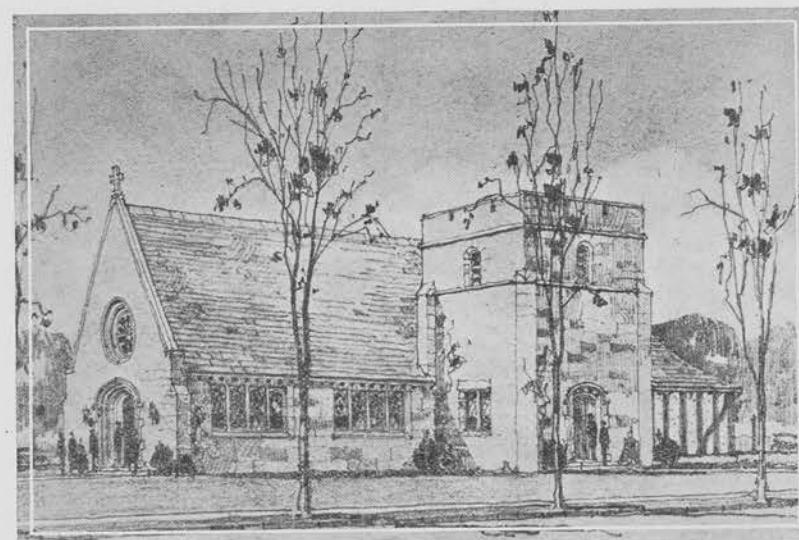
Some one else is sure also to ask, "Why does not the Government build Chapels at its Army stations?" In reply to such a question the writer has but one response, "Ask me something easy." It is rather unfortunate that really so few army posts and stations are provided with adequate buildings and facilities for the proper conduct of public worship. Many stations have no suitable place for divine worship at all, and there are approximately thirty posts and stations which are deprived of Chaplain service altogether, there not being enough members in the Corps to

supply the need. So far as is known only two houses of worship have been built from public funds for use by the Army. One is at West Point and the other at Fort Yellowstone. Many Chapels have been provided through the genius of local garrisons in utilizing surplus materials, soldier labor, and such contributions as were available. In a few cases individual churches have assumed the whole responsibility for little Chapels such as are at Fort Monroe, Virginia; Fort Douglas, Utah; and Fort Apache, Arizona. Not more than half a dozen posts of the entire Army have chapels which could in any sense of the word be considered suitable and adequate. Among these, in addition to West Point, N. Y., already named, are Fort Moultrie, S. C.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Riley, Kansas; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. No permanent houses of worship have been built since the war, but a number of garrisons have utilized cantonment buildings of one sort or another and surplus materials in providing chapels which will at least serve the purpose for a few years to come. Fort Eustis, Va., and Fort Benning, Ga., are good examples of this.

While recommendations have been made to the War Department by strong religious leaders, urging the construction of suitable places of worship at Army Posts in the future, no definite program has yet been announced. And it is quite possible this matter will be delayed indefinitely, or at least until the physical well-being of troops is provided for. It is not generally known that some regiments are now living under canvas along the Mexican border. Until suitable barracks and quarters are provided for these regiments, it would be folly to urge a policy of chapel construction upon the part of the Government, as ideal as this course would seem. And besides this difficulty of providing for the things which are absolutely essential, there are many powerful influences which are continually urging Congress to cut to the bone on all Army appropriations.

Government Authority Secured for Fort Snelling Chapel

ON March 23d, 1923, a communication was forwarded to The Adjutant General of the Army from the Commanding Officer, Fort Snelling, requesting authority to construct a Post Chapel at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, without expense to the Government. On July 20th, 1923, this communication was approved by the Quartermaster General as follows:



PROPOSED CHAPEL, FORT SNELLING
"As Approved by the War Department"

"The blue print plans submitted showing proposed chapel to be erected at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, have been reviewed by this office and are found to be excellent plans for a well designed and satisfactory chapel, and are approved."

On September 27th, 1923, The Adjutant General of the Army gave his approval as follows:

"Approved with the proviso that the building so constructed shall be Pan-Sectarian in character, and donations thereto not limited to any particular sect or society."

In his basic communication, the Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling, Colonel Bjornstad, made the statement: "A new chapel could be constructed economically for the following reasons:

(a) Cut stone sufficient for the walls of a building ninety feet long and thirty-six feet wide can be obtained without cost on the reservation by salvaging the pillars of an abandoned bridge which once crossed the Mississippi River at this point.

(b) Sufficient red tile can be salvaged to cover roof.

(c) A heating plant is available.

(d) The Catholics will promise to furnish a large stained glass window for the end of the building and an altar suitable for their services. The Protestant Churches will supply the other windows and enough cement for the plaster work.

(e) Members of this post will be glad to volunteer to aid in the work of construction, on their own time."

A memorandum left by Chaplain A. C. Oliver, who, last fall departed for service in the Hawaiian Islands, states that other organizations had made pledges of memorial windows as follows:

"(a) Board of Home Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia.

(b) Masonic Club, Fort Snelling.

(c) Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fort Snelling.

(d) Fraternal Order of Elks."

A Splendid Start Made

THE residents of Fort Snelling were so confident that permission would be granted to erect this chapel that immediately after its proposal they began to make plans to see the proposition through. About a year ago a group of consecrated young women, for the most part wives of non-commissioned officers, organized the "Enlisted Ladies' Guild" and during the past year they have raised something over \$600.00 for the building fund. Under the able direction of Father Casey, the Catholic members of the garrison have raised something over \$500.00 in monthly collections and other efforts. Something over \$1000.00 was raised by members of the military establishment in a monstrous carnival held less than a year ago.

This is a magnificent beginning, but it is only a beginning. Unfortunately, changes in the Army personnel has taken away from Fort Snelling practically all who were instrumental in starting this enterprise of a year ago. Colonel Bjornstad, Chaplain Oliver, Major Palen, and many others have been transferred to different stations. The uncertainty of any degree of permanency upon the part of others tends to slaken their interest in so costly an undertaking. And yet, the fact remains that Fort Snelling needs a chapel; the residents of the garrison, including officers and enlisted men and the members of their families, are heartily and unanimously in favor of the project.

An Estimate of Cost

IT is doubtful however if this commendable enterprise can be brought to a successful conclusion if the Army personnel is left to accomplish the task unaided. They are scarcely equal to the task of building such a chapel as is needed, without the moral and financial assistance of all sympathetic agencies in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

To build upon the selected spot, at the junction of the Main Street and the Ferry Road—the most beautiful site on the reservation—will cost in the neighborhood of \$35,000. ^{100,000.00} The proposed chapel will be 87x26 feet, with a tower 32 feet high. The walls are to be constructed of reddish brown sandstone, and the interior will be of rough stone finish, with open ceiling of rough hewn timbers and red tile roof.

Unless the ministers and laymen of the churches of the Twin Cities and patriotic organizations are aroused to a sympathetic interest in the moral and religious welfare of the men who sojourn for three years at this military station, some more and some less, perhaps another century will have passed into oblivion and we shall still be without a proper place to worship Almighty God. Thus will the reproach of a century be carried forward to an age altogether unworthy of the day in which we find ourselves.

Allegory or Fact, it is all the Same

THE following episode related by Father Casey, illustrates the need at Fort Snelling:

"Where is the Post Chapel, Sir?" The speaker was at the wheel of a large touring car in which sat half a dozen expectant men and women. They were driving through Fort Snelling and had passed directly in front of Headquarters Building to make inquiries of an officer standing on the walk. From the inflection of the man's voice as he said "Post Chapel", one easily inferred that the tourist had in mind some stately edifice in keeping with the general character of the historic military garrison of the Government.

There was the suggestion of a blush on the face of the officer thus addressed. He led the little group around to the backyard of Headquarters, although he would have felt more comfortable just then if he had been leading the charge of the famous "Six Hundred." When they reached the back of the building, the military man, embarrassed but brave, pointed out the little wooden structure on the front of which was a framed board bearing the legend: "Post Chapel." "So! So!" was the stranger's only comment as he glanced at the low, shed-like affair.

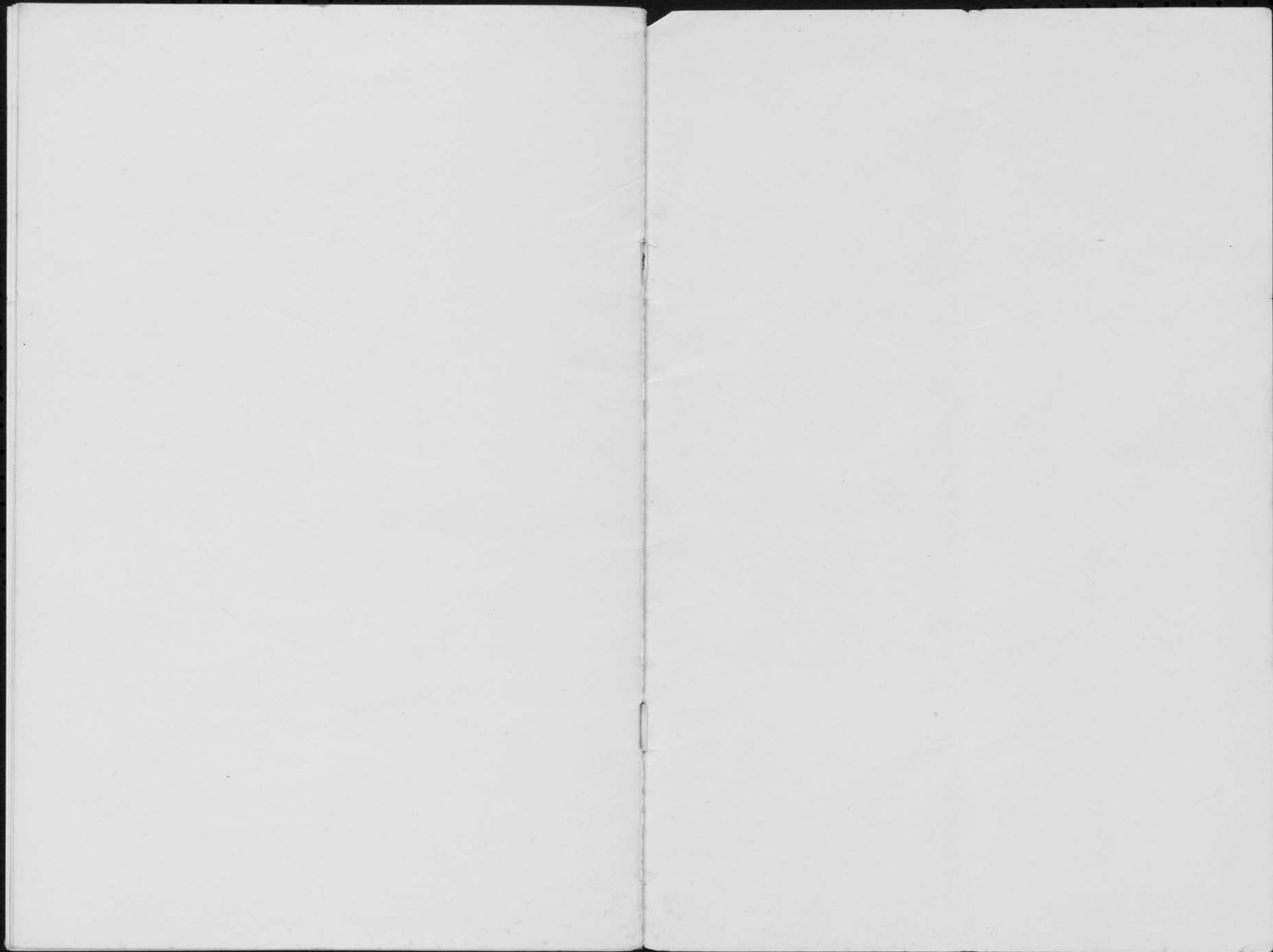
The group returned to their touring car without bothering to look inside the Chapel; but one of them was heard to remark: "During the war Uncle Sam appealed to the churches and churchmen a dozen times to assist in keeping up the morale of the soldiers; but in peace time he will not let the soldiers go to church. Why, there are 1500 soldiers on this post and that chapel hasn't room to seat more than seventy-five."

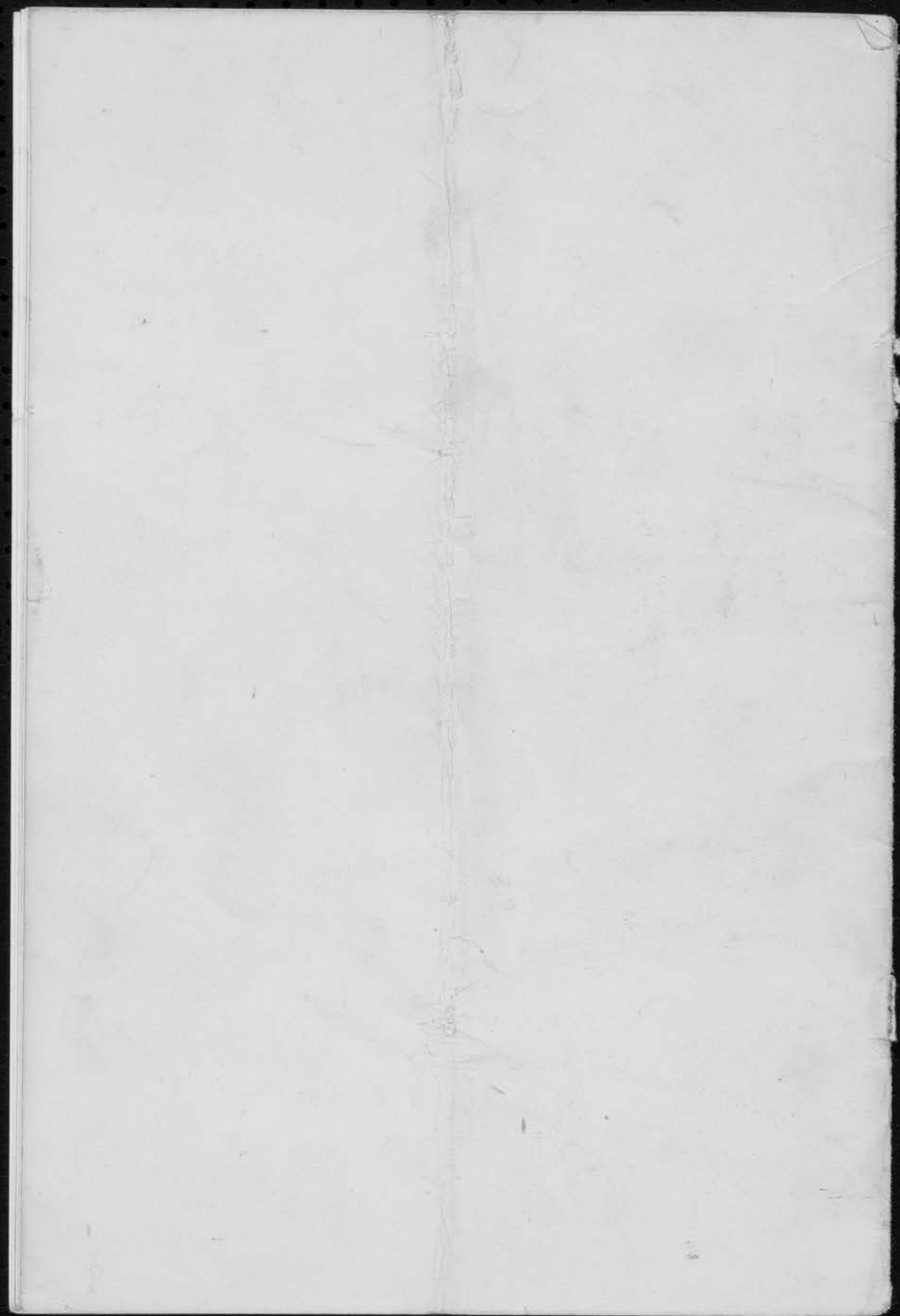
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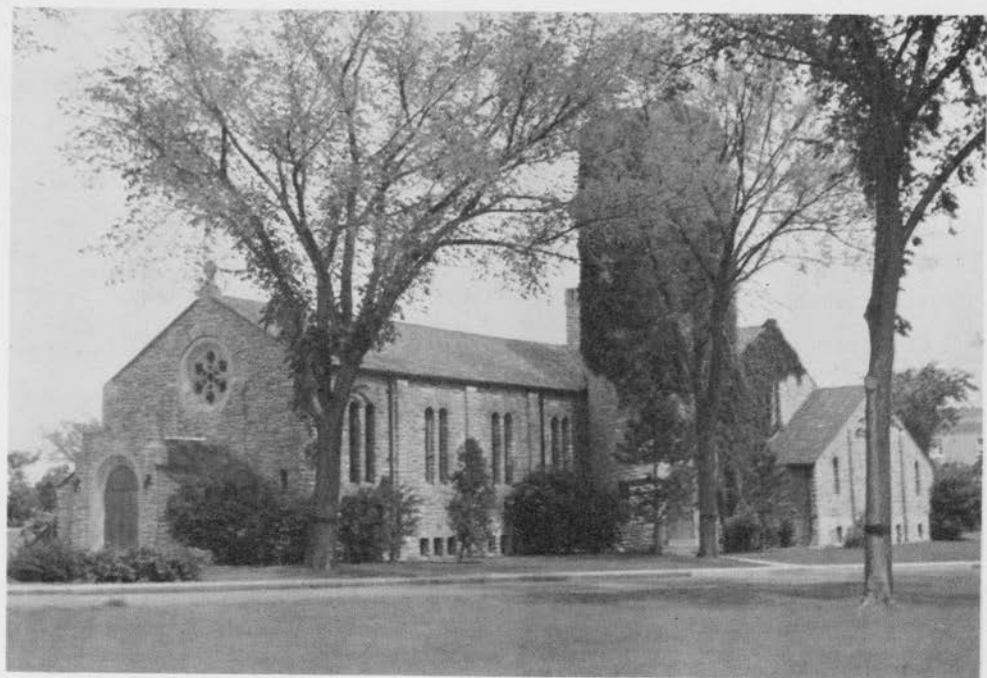
IT is not likely that such a need as exists at Fort Snelling for a place where little children may learn to pray, and where strong young men—the Nation's defenders—may learn to worship God, will go unheeded. And especially is this true when pastors and people realize that in the pioneer days of this great territory, Fort Snelling stood as the only guarantee of safety for the struggling villages where early settlers, fur traders, householders, and farmers were protected from the ravages of savage tribes, who were continually being bribed and abetted by the enemies of our early democracy.

Such a proposition as this should make an irresistible appeal from the missionary motive alone. If it be true that the Church is one of the greatest agencies of Americanization within our Nation, then this also should make the urge and necessity for placing a chapel at Fort Snelling all the more obligatory and compelling. Hundreds of young men, the best in all these states of the middle and north west will soon be coming to Fort Snelling for the Summer Camps. Shall we not avail ourselves of the opportunity of placing before them this great object lesson—the building of a suitable chapel on a government reservation, where the soldiers of the nation may learn to worship God. The citizens of Minneapolis and St. Paul have a thousand times been asked to support a far less worthy and a far less patriotic cause than this. The Army today, in the estimation of many of our best and farthest-seeing citizens, and especially that portion of the Army which is permanently garrisoned at Fort Snelling, is, without doubt, the greatest school of patriotism and citizenship within the entire nation.

It now remains for all right-thinking citizens to come to the assistance of this commendable enterprise. Let us see to it that this old reproach is removed as speedily as possible, and that a decent chapel is constructed, adequate in size, suitable in appointment, and of an architecture befitting the rugged military setting of this noble garrison. It seems impossible that this appeal can fall on deaf ears. "Awake! Let us arise and build."







The Order for Morning Worship

at

FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL

in historic Fort Snelling State Park

DR. CLIFFORD ANSGAR NELSON, Chaplain

MRS. VIOLA OLSON, Organist

THE LAST SUNDAY

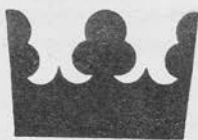
AFTER

TRINITY

November 24, 1968

at

11:00 A.M.



**ARNOLD E KAHNERT
5621 26TH AVE SO
MINNEAPOLIS MINN**

Order of Worship

The Organ Preparation: "Arioso" - Handel

* The Processional Hymn: No. 179 "All Hail the Power"

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| ALL hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all. | 4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God
Who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown him Lord of all. | 5 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all. | 6 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all. Amen. |

(Service and Responses found on page 7.)

* The Invocation and The Choral Response

* The Call to Worship

- Minister: The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.
People: God is a spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.
Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
People: For He is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of His hand.

* The Doxology

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon and The Choral Amen

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Orison: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen."

(The congregation will remain seated and join in the singing of the response.)

The Responsive Reading

Hymnal No. 110

The Te Deum page 88

* The Gloria Patri

* (The congregation will stand.)

* The Reading of the Scriptures:

2 Peter 3:8-14

Matth. 25:1-13

* The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Anthem: "Praise" - - - - Alec Rowley

The Chancel Choir of House of Prayer Church, Richfield

Mr. Paul H. Pfeiffer, director

* The Pulpit Hymn: "My God How Wonderful Thou Art"

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| MY God, how wonderful thou art,
Thy majesty how bright;
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light! | 4 Yet I may love thee, too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart. |
| 2 How wonderful, how beautiful
The sight of thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity! | 5 No earthly father loves like thee;
No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done
With me, thy sinful child. |
| 3 O how I fear thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope
And penitential tears! | 6 Father of Jesus, love's reward,
What rapture will it be
Prostrate before thy throne to lie,
And gaze and gaze on thee! Amen. |

The Sermon: "HE MUST REIGN" Dr. Nelson

The Chapel Announcements and The Offertory Anthem:

"Harvest Song" - - - - K. Davis

The Offertory Response

"All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen."
(The congregation will remain seated and join in the singing of the response.)

* The Recessional Hymn: "Forward Through the Ages"

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| 1 Forward through the ages,
In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits
At the call divine. | 2 Wider grows the kingdom,
Reign of love and light;
For it we must labor,
Till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it,
Martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory,
Heroes for it died.
Forward through the ages,
In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits
At the call divine. | 3 Not alone we conquer,
Not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph
Lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose
In one living whole,
Move we on together
To the shining goal!
Forward through the ages,
In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits
At the call divine. Amen. |
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* **The Benediction**

* **The Closing Orison**

Our father's God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by Thy might, great God our king. Amen.

The Organ Postlude "Postlude" - Martin

Everyone is welcome to share the Coffee and Punch and cookies that the ladies of our Fellowship Committee have ready directly after the worship service today. served in the Undercroft of the Chapel.

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Next Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent, December 1st, Morning worship at 11:00 A.M. Dr. Nelson will preach on the theme: "WAKE UP AND DREAM." Music will be brought by the Spring Lake Park Civic Choir, Mr. Boyd Cullen, directing. Holy communion after the service for those who wish to stay.

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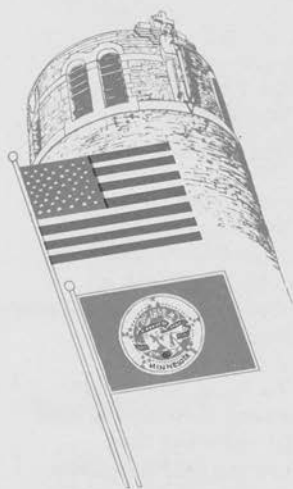
A lovely Christmas Buffet Luncheon is planned for Saturday, December 7th at 12 noon. We encourage you to attend and bring friends. The program will include music and an interesting presentation of the historical memorials in the Chapel. Get your tickets in the Undercroft today, \$2.00 per plate, or call Mrs. Mamie Iverson, 644-7230.

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Next Thursday, Nov. 28th, Thanksgiving Day. Our festive service will begin at 11:00 A.M. Special music by violin, trumpet, and the choir of Mpls. Junior Academy. Dr. Nelson's sermon theme: "THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE".

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Announcing the opening of a new nursery room to the right front of the Chapel. It is beautifully equiped and you are invited to make use of these facilities for your children.



Dr. Nelson, our Chaplain, is available for counseling and pastoral assistance. Foundation Office, 3615 Beard Ave. No., Minneapolis, 588-2245.

**Certificate of Commander of Camp
and
Report of Installation of Officers**

TO THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

Sir and Comrade:—

I have the honor to report that on the

.....day of....., 193.....,

I installed the above named officers of.....

.....Camp No.....

Department of

for the year 193.....

.....
Installing Officer.

In case an officer, elected or appointed, is not present to be formally installed, the Installing Officer shall appoint an officer or past officer of suitable rank to obligate him to faithfully perform the duties of his office at the earliest opportunity; and this shall as fully qualify him to assume and discharge the duties of his office as would a formal installation. (Sec. 61, B., R. & R.)

Note—For Camps attached to Departments, this report must be made out in DUPLICATE and both copies forwarded to the Department Adjutant. One copy will be retained at Department Headquarters and the Department Commander will transmit the other copy to the Adjutant General.

For unattached Camps, one copy of this report will be forwarded to the Adjutant General.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

Headquarters Department of.....

United Spanish War Veterans

....., 193.....

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant General,
U. S. W. V.

.....
Department Commander.

Meeting Nights.....

Meeting Place.....

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It is **IMPORTANT** that the above information be given.

To be made out and signed by the Retiring Commander and Commander-elect and delivered by the Adjutant to the Installing Officer prior to the ceremony on the evening of Installation.



Camp No.

Department of

United Spanish War Veterans

193

(City)

(Month and Date)

TO THE INSTALLING OFFICER:

Sir and Comrade:

We have the honor to report that the following Comrades are the duly elected officers, and those designated for appointment, of this Camp for the ensuing year:

Commander.....

Mailing Address.....

Senior Vice Commander.....

Junior Vice Commander.....

Adjutant.....

Mailing Address.....

Quartermaster.....

Mailing Address.....

Trustee.....

Patriotic Instructor.....

Historian.....

Surgeon.....

Chaplain.....

Officer of the Day.....

Officer of the Guard.....

Sergeant Major.....

Quartermaster Sergeant.....

Senior Color Sergeant.....

Junior Color Sergeant.....

Chief Musician.....

We further certify that the names are spelled correctly and that addresses given are correct.

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Commander-Elect,

.....
Retiring Commander.