

# Pullman Tech Efforts During the War Years

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## **Girls at Manual School Keep Pace in Patriotism**

**Boys Are Sowing Spuds for the Soldiers, and Girls Are Not Far Distant  
With Work on Material for Navy Boys.**

### **Boys Given Positions.**

**School Faculty Has New Member. Current Events Discussed at Club Meeting —  
"Soil Fertility" Subject of Next Lecture on Gardening.**

While the boys are "sowing spuds for soldiers," the girls are not far behind in patriotic work. They are working on material furnished by the Navy League of America, and before long the school will be able to ship big boxes of mufflers, wraps and knitted wash-cloths to our boys in the navy.

### **Pullman Manual Boys Lose to Morgan Park, 2-0.**

The Pullman Manual boys played a close game of baseball with Morgan Park Academy last Wednesday. They lost by a score of 2-0.

Their line-up was: Nurnberger, Abatifero, Broling, Waddell, Osman, Rago, Hoekstra and Fahrenbach.

### **Natural Science Dept. Receives Oriental Shrubs for Experimenting.**

The northeast corner of the soil laboratory is now occupied by shrubs and trees from the Orient. There are species of ash, poplar and cherry trees; species of barberry, plum and spirea shrubs.

The United States Government has sent this shipment to the laboratory to test whether or not they can be acclimated.

A report will be sent to the United States Department of Agriculture as to the success of these tests, and the reports will also contain additional data in regard to soil and atmospheric conditions under which the plants developed as well as the care given them.

## “Soil Fertility” Subject of Next Lecture on Gardening.

Mr. Schell, head of the Department of Science at Pullman Manual, will give an open lecture on “Soil Fertility” Monday, May 21, at 4:40 P.M., in Room 112. It will be illustrated with lantern slides.

The Boy Scouts and a number of the neighbors heard Mr. Wynne’s lecture “Seeds and Seedlings” last Monday. These lectures on gardening are given primarily for the Boy Scouts, who were granted a special course after petitioning the school for gardens. The public is invited to attend. They will be given every Monday afternoon at 4:40 P.M. at the school.

## Current Events Discussed at Faculty Club Meeting.

“Why Are We at War with Germany?” was answered by Dean U. G. Willis at the meeting of the Faculty Club of Pullman Manual.

Miss Lydia Lee, Instructor of English, had investigated Chicago’s part in the Red Cross relief work, and she told the members of the club the results of her observation. The information was instructive and interesting. A campaign for membership to the Red Cross is in full swing throughout the city, and Miss Lee is “doing her bit” by taking subscriptions. Any one can become a member on payment of one dollar.

## Thos. Bjorge, New Faculty Member.

Thos. Bjorge, a graduated of Armour Institute, is filling the vacancy in the Mechanical Drawing Department left by G. H. Buckley and S. B. Oakes, who are now in the Officer’s Training Camp at Fort Sheridan.

## Boys Assigned to Positions at Car Works.

The boys of Sections VI and VIII have been following new schedule since last week, under which they spend alternate weeks at school and in the shops. The jobs that they hold in the Pullman Car Works have been assigned as nearly as possible to conform with their first choice of trades. They are rated as apprentices and receive substantial pay for their work.

Specialized courses in their school work will begin October 1, but until then they will take general work as heretofore.

In the cabinet shop are: G. Green, L. Pirch, R. Engelsman, O. Geschwind, T. Wilhelmy, J. Schreiber, H. Orum, E. Larson.

In the drafting room: C. DuBois, M. Staley, S. Federowski. W. Scowcroft.

In the machine shops: J. Schofro, H. Eenigenburg, W. Reed, J. Johnson. S. Thorsen, C. Waddell, K. Johnson, E. Lautenbach.

In the pattern shop are: C. Edborg, O. Kleist, J. T. Hawkinson.

There are twelve positions, but it requires the twenty-four boys to hold them, since they alternate between school and shop from week to week.

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### Visitors Always Welcome at Pullman Manual.

Visitors are always cordially welcome at Pullman Manual. We are proud of our splendid building and are glad to show people through it.

During the week, we were pleased to have two of the mothers visit the school: Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Peterson of 10940 Indiana avenue, with their guest, Miss Carlson.

Miss Pearl Widell, 11416 State street, and Miss Ruth Crawford, 13742 South Wabash avenue, were interested enough to go through the school. Miss Georgiana L. Canfield, supervisor at Ottumwa, Ia., but who is now living in Chicago, came to see the work at Pullman manual.

At the Faculty Club supper, Miss Bradshaw, the instructor of domestic science, had as her guest Miss Anna M. Ward, a teacher in Medill high school. Miss Miriam H. Brubaker of Crandon, Wis., sister of Mr. Brubaker, the mathematics instructor, was also present at the supper. Miss Macdonald had as her guest Miss Flora E. LeSturgeon.

### Girls of Section XV. Win Prize.

The girls of Section XV were awarded the prize for selling the most tickets for the benefit which was held at the Roseland theater last week. The total number sold by them was 690, of which Miss Mildred Wilde sold 189, and Miss Margaret Hastings 168. They are to be congratulated for their perseverance and interest.

The money that was made will be put into the girls' camping fund, which will materially lower the expense of camping for the girls' when they take their vacation later in the summer.

### News Items.

The gardeners at Pullman Manual are serving onions, lettuce and radishes on their home tables fresh from their own gardens.

Miss Lydia Lee, instructor in English, is attending the summer session at the University of Chicago. She will take a trip through Yellowstone Park at the close of the term and will resume her teaching at Pullman Manual in the fall.

Mr. Oakes, the instructor who left Pullman Manual to go to the Officers' Training Camp, left for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on June 15 to get further training in engineering.

Dr. Laenas Weld, principal of Pullman Manual, is expected to return today from a short vacation spent in northern Michigan.

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### Faculty Club of Pullman Manual Visits Pullman Car Works.

The Faculty Club of Pullman Manual and their friends visited the Pullman Car Works Saturday morning, June 23. They went in at the Stephenson street entrance and saw first the steel passenger car department, where, among other cars, is one being built for Charles M. Schwab, the multi-millionaire. In the template department they saw several of the boys who are combining school work with an alternate week in the shops. The party visited the power house, the foundry, the new machine shop and other places of interest. The paint and upholstering departments, as well as the women's sewing room, were of interest, particularly to the ladies.

After a trip of three hours, during which they were only able to obtain a vague idea of such a wonderfully complicated place, the faculty returned to the school, where luncheon was served.

### Girls at Pullman Manual to Have Course in First Aid.

Next Monday the girls at Pullman Manual will begin a course of First Aid. It will be taught by Miss Lash, the physical director, who has taken the Red Cross work which has been offered to those who wish to become aids in the service of the United States.

The work is looked forward to with great interest because its practical application may be made in everyday emergencies. Also, of course, the war spirit makes everyone wish to prepare to "do her bit."

The girls have done a commendable amount of Red Cross work in the knitting line, under the supervision of Miss McGiffert, who obtained the materials from the Navy League of America.

## Miss Lash of Pullman Manual Entertains for Students.

Miss Lash, director of physical education at Pullman Manual, entertained the girls for whom she is mentor on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the gymnasium. She gave the girls a brief talk on the mentor system--what it means both to the students and to the members of the faculty--and then refreshments were served.

Those present were: Ruth Wilde, Helena Roselund, Margaret Hastings, Lillian Fitzgibbons and Helen Gillespie.

## Interesting Notes.

The prosperous-looking gardens are a credit to the students at Pullman Manual. All who have planted lettuce, radishes, onions, and spinach have taken home a supply for their tables, and some of the boys are raising their second crop. Cabbages, beans and peas are flourishing, for the weather has been fine for growing.

Pipes have been laid throughout the garden land and faucets have been installed at distances of about fifty feet so that the problem of watering the gardens has been solved.

Each garden is neatly labeled with the name of its owner, printed on a miniature signboard. This work was done by the drawing classes. Having the names on the garden plots stirs the interest, for each one endeavors to keep his garden in tip-top shape.

## Change in Staff of Sentinel.

Maxine Kerr of Roseland has been elected editor-in-chief of the Sentinel, the school paper at Pullman Manual. This position has always heretofore been held by one of the opposite sex. She is doing well with the work and will soon have the second issue under her supervision ready for distribution. Dean Willis and Miss Whitfield of the English department have been elected to the advisory board.

The current quarter at Pullman Manual ends on Friday. New work will begin on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. P. E. Harris of Huntsville, Texas, a teacher of manual training, visited our wood-working shop and was much interested in the work being done there under the instruction of Mr. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jacobs of Albany, N. Y., went through the school building yesterday.

At the faculty luncheon Saturday one of the guests was Miss Dorothy Miller, 5315 Greenwood avenue, of this city.