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### THE MAKING OF NEW AMERICANS

On October 6 Your Home Library opened its doors a second time to welcome the non-English-speaking residents of the surrounding community to its evening classes. About 32 enrolled to receive instruction in civics, English, reading and writing.

The pupils included various nationalities, mostly men and women from the countries who aided the United States in arresting the devastation of the Hun. They included Polish, Russian, Lithuanian and Czecho-Slovak. The attendance has gradually increased until now it is close to 90.

The classes are in charge of Miss Anna Mae McManus, assisted by Miss Winifred Albright, and they meet each Monday and Thursday evening during the winter.

In the Citizenship Class about 30 have already taken out their first papers and many of the other pupils have been called for January 5 for their final papers. Petitions for naturalization and preparation for governmental examinations are given the pupils by Miss McManus.

The beginning class is in charge of Miss Albright. Many of the pupils in this class could neither read nor write in any language, while others could write a very little in their mother tongue. It is really most inspiring to see the enthusiasm and zeal these men and women put into their work and how quickly they grasp each detail as it is shown to them.

Besides instruction in the functioning of our city, state and national government, the advanced class is given instruction along commercial lines such as drawing, and cashing a check, the making out of foreign and domestic money orders, sending of insured mail, etc. In addition to this, training is also given in the meaning of signs such as "High Voltage," "Poison," "Danger," "Receiving Teller," "Exit," and similar warnings that are often misconstrued or not understood at all and result in confusion to these people.

Americanization means making the aims and ideals of our democracy so clearly understood by all that they will work together to support the United States during every crisis and through their unity of purpose add to the future strength of our beloved republic.

To the new American the new country has different customs, different ideas, different traditions, and a different form of government; a democracy with the largest possible freedom to all.

It is our aim in these classes to win the heart and mind of each and every one of our pupils, to give him a clear knowledge of the machinery of our government so that we will hasten the assimilation necessary to national unity, to promote industrial and communal betterment by reducing the friction caused by failure to comprehend directions.

—Miss Anna Mae McManus.  
Teacher-in-Charge.

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