

Ticket to a 9/15/1917 dinner honoring WWI draftees and enlisted men.

Ticket donated by Ralph Starkweather, whose grandfather Arthur J. Starkweather, was a WWI veteran.
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An article related to the ticket. From *The Hartford Courant*, September 7, 1917

Manchester to Honor Selectives

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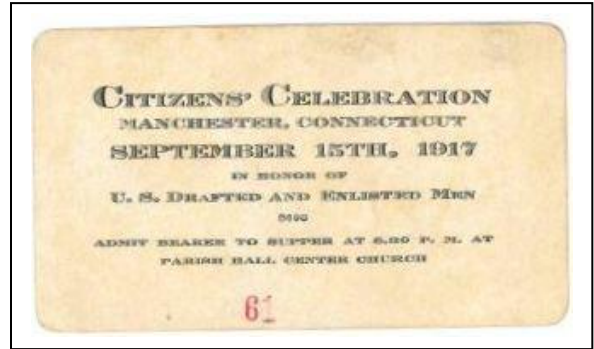
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Parade For National Army Men September 15.

SELECTMEN DUCK POLICE APPOINTMENT

Eloping Couple Sent Back to Massachusetts.

(Special to The Courant.)

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A dinner was given in the recreation center last night to the nine men who are to be the first called in the selective draft from Manchester. Only eight are to fight in the first call, but there is an allowance who will be used should anything prevent any of the first night going to the front. The selective committee was present at the dinner and for them know that Manchester was interested in them.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

A three days' celebration in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Swedish Congregational Church will open in the church on Monday night. The services and exercises will be presided over by Rev. Victor Harold of Jernstam, former pastor of the church. On Monday the chief celebration will be held. Many out of town ministers are expected to be present and at the afternoon services a history of the church will be read.

A Recovery Shows Increase.

The new town directory, soon due from the press, will show an increase of 1474 names over last year, or a total of 1543 in the whole directory. This is a much larger increase than in former years on the difference in number between the previous directory and the one preceding it was only twenty-two.

Police Court.

James Murray of the army South, was picked up by Officer Glines after he had been out of a train at Manchester Tuesday night. So early yesterday morning he was fined \$5 and once and went to jail, saying that his money had been stolen from him in Hartford.

Thomas McLintock, who was before the court Tuesday, was booked again yesterday. He paid fines of \$5 for his previous appearance and in addition the costs in both cases.

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Did Not Make Appointment.

