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AMERICA FIRST!

RUNS FAMILY HELD REUNION ON LABOR DAY

and their Children Enjoyed Annual Get Together

imigrated from a small Hamlet in sister Mrs. Bofinger also lives here, and drum adding greatly to te effect Scotland, to the Southern part of the others living in Chicago, except-Germany, among this group were a ing as stated above; Florence the few by the name of Bruns who re- oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. mained there, intermarried with the W. B. is at present employed in the Germans, founded homes, and be- Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Chicame a numerous and thrifty people. cago, where she has distinguished About 100 years later one lonely herself, as chief of the operating young man left these people, home room, and expects to graduate in the parents and friends. boarded a vessel near future as trained nurse and Deapropelled only by the winds, started coness. Mr. Jacob Bruns, son of Wilacross the Atlantic Ocean, and landed liam, has been called to the colors and in New York after a stormy and try- is expected to join his regiment in ing voyage lasting about thirteen the near future. We must not, howweeks, from there he made his way ever, forget the pretty daughter of to some friends at Elgin, Ill., sold our good Mayor, Miss Ruth Kidwell his service to a farmer for a small and Mr. Paul Boldebuck, who were amount per year, and began to enjoy present by special request. real liberty, in the land of the brave and the home of the free.

freedom and liberty as he never en- taken by the hundreds. Eats of all until the first platoon thugh numjoyed them before, he was called to kinds in plenty. Will they all he pres- crous clouts off the oppong pitcher serve his country he had learned to ent next year? love, and help to free his brother who did not as yet enjoy liberty, even tho they lived in his adopted land, for Aunt Min, (Mrs. Minnie Schutt) some reason, however, not known to seemed to get the most attention, the writer he was sent back home, some one had cut the Gumps cartoon and be did not have the privilege to out of the morning Tribune and stuck take active part in the straggle of it up where all could see it, and it the Civil War, but on getting home was O MIN all day after that and the next best thing and got mar- the last thing Min heard when she ried, he found his bride in Chicago in was about a block from the house on the year 1862, and after a day in sight her way to the depot, and if this seeing loaded her on a haywagon and means anything then Aunt Min surely journeyed back per horse to a small deserved the prize as no one name log cabin, and began again to serve was mentioned as often as hers. his country by tilling the soil and The next reunion will be held Labor rearing a family, this in short is the Day 1918 at the home of Fred L., early history of Henry L. Bruns, the Oak Park, Ill. Great Grandfather of the Bruns tribe.

In this log cabin near Elgin on the farm their first child, Henry W., now Hving in our village was born, and it is said that in the cornfields, on that farm, when left alone, while his parmaving much time to care the common state of the mational toganization with the national toganization their home near ss, August not the happy father of that winpower, which stands him in good stead even to this day He, however was the only one of the fourteen who enjoyed the privilege of being born on a farm, and getting this practice, after enly one year on the farm they moved to Lake-View, at that time a suburb of Chicago, where they remained uning place in Graceland Cemetery some

It might be interesting to note that Henry W. and his father worked night ing people, carting their belongings Hall. to their home just outside of the fire zone to safety, during those terrible days and nights of that awful fire in 1871, and when they got thru there were thirty families encamped on the Bruns grounds, whose belongings had been saved because of their efforts.

As stated above this happy couple were blessed with fourteen children, nois women in aid of the nation a a blessing which few people in our success, the days of registration didn't look any too ros he eats day enjoy, or want to enjoy. In those have been postponed until the first days children were considered gifts week in November when a systema-God, and this truth was implanted tic campaign will be begun to have in a car all day it taste; anyon the hearts and minds of their chil- every woman in the state place her- way. dren, and the most of them have been self on record in a list which will following in their footsteps along this line as you will notice a little later, and the present day foolish talk that to rear a large family of children shortens the lives of parents is not true, but that the contrary is a act, as both of the Bruns parents fred to a ripe age, the Mother only passing into the great beyond a few

years ago. land, Ore., and William who had a Home for Boys. City-bred youths at trade my farms. I also took a wife to nurse gathered at the the correctional institution went at to Grand Rapids, Mich., but it is sunion of all the Bruns tribe, of potatoes.

or after this.

the "in-laws" in fact as well as pros-pective, eleven of this number including the great grand parents have passed from this earth to the great reunion beyond the clouds. 89 are still here and of this number 67 were present at the Downers Grove reunion Monday. Henry W. and his better half Mary, were specially honored, they being the only grandparents present, having four grandchildren. Of the original Bruns family twelve of the fourteen are alive, ten of these are married, one is expected to marry in the near future, this leaves only one, dear good old Sarah, who would

to all comers. four children; Mr. Benjamin, wife and high school grounds. four children; Mr. Sam J. T., wife Here the drill was given on the and three children; Mr. Fred L., wife comparatively uneven field and only and nine children, from Oak Park; favorable comments were hard from Mrs. Beatrice Bruns Knaak, husband the spectators as to the elolutions and four children, daughter and grand performed. Considering that the unit children of H. W.; Mrs. Carl Esther has only had about six drillsand that Stone and husband, daughter of H. very few have had any previus mili- lot. W.; Miss Ida Bruns; Miss Sarah tary training, very good proress has W. Bruns' Brothers and Sisters Bruns and Mrs. Stone and sister, been made. mother and aunt of Carl.

residents of our good old village, this ly an error and at the close he boys includes his two married daughters, were treated to some well meited ap-It is said that some time during the and he is working hard to get some plause by the spectators. 17th Century a small group of people more of the tribe to come here, his Richard Shurte donated hispresence

body did as they pleased, croquet and After faithfully serving his master ball game contests were fought out, one. for a number of years, and enjoying cameras were plentiful and photos

family, nevertheless sister Min and ner by the score of 16 to

RED CROSS UNIT BUSY

Since the organization of the local unit of the Red Cross even more ents were working side by side, not work has been done at hadquarters having much time to care for his than was done before the Pesent aftion was effected.

box of hospital supplies will be wife who have been ming there he caught a three pound dog fish and ready for shipment to the Hospial for the last four years The follow- a nearly three pound hass. A pleas-Supply department of the Red Cross With the practice which they have had many of the members of the unit are becoming expert in making garments. In the knitting class there til one year after the great Chicago are a number now who can do faultfire, buying some ground and building less work. These experts are centera home about three miles further ing their activities now on socks. An Jackson Park, South tago, Hammorth, what is now called Ravenswood army sock is not a thing of beauty, be still seen, and from which both than useless. Needless to say no Michigan Cit) we wemrough New Saturday at 10:30 a. m. The body will be parents were taken to their long rest. sock that does not measure up to the Buffalo, Mich. hree ks, Galien, requirements is permitted to leave Glendora, Barod Stesville to St. the Red Cross headquarters.

Regular meetings of the Downers Grove Unit of the Red Cross are and day with a team of mules rescu- held every Wednesday at Library

REGISTRATION DAY FOR WOMEN POSTPONED

Because of the enormous amount f preliminary work which must be done to make the registration of Illidisclose the capabilities of each for Benton Harbor, Riverside

pointed by the Downers Grove unit of the Womans committee of the council of national defense.

BOYS RAISE RECORD POTATO CROP

and a few grand children ernment to increase crops responded sides of the road from Michigan Louise who lives at Port- to better than at the St. Charles State Ind., to Muskegon, Mich., I would the of Henry W. on North Main St., farm work enthusiastically and on as if all the land and crops are abor Day, to enjoy the day together one 45 acre patch raised 6,000 bushels same

this is to be an annual affair Notable fields of grain and hay were as Manistee. That is about 100 m also put in by the boys. In addition, north of Muskegon. e descendants of the origi- 145 lads were sent out to farmers could have been present hard pressed for help, and glowing beans and my back got pretty so aled just reports of their work have come back from stooping, so must stop writing includes to the school.-West Chicago Press.

PLEASES IN FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Results of Hard Work in Parade and Drill Labor Day Morning

Downers Grove citizens gave full make any man a splendid companion, support to the local Home Guard Main street to review the boys as Present were: Henry W., wife and they paraded and a fine cowd was ten children; Misses Anna and Mer- on the side lines to view the drill and iam, daughters of Wm. J.; Mrs. Ru- ball game in back of the high school. dolph Hannah Bruns Bofinger and Under the leadership of Capt. Foshusband; Mrs. Rev. Martin Pauline ter with Lieutenants Balczynski and children, of Chatsworth, Ill., Mrs. swung from Curtiss street sorth on

Squad, platoon and compay drills All of the Henry W. Family are and formations were given with hard-

iveness of the drill. A. G. facLean had charge of the colors, wich were lent by the G. A. R. post fo the occasion and the Sherman rothers, Walter and Willis, acted s color

In a financial way the driland ball game was a great success nd over \$100 was cleared by the ormization for the purchase of unities and other necessary equipment

The Downers Grove un of the Home Guard is the only se in this part of the state outside of Cook county that has been regnized by the State Council of Defse. There There was no set program. Every- are other units in this unty that have been organized long than this

made the score one side Final re-There are no favorites in the Bruns sult showing the first poon win-

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EMIL EICHHORT ON TRIP THROUG MICH.

One to Ten Buds to the Acre.

W started from hor August 26, by atomobile, our rouled through mond, Bat Chicago, umet, Gary Joseph which we it 6:15 p. m. Put the old humn o a garage and looked for some to eat and drink. I was very h afraid I would not find anythin Michigan because everything of so tough along the road. Col,m 12 to 24 inches high, no applet eaches, but plenty of pears, thousef acres of beans and oats run fine to ten bushels per acre, and les were a

month behind time. So you can see for hf things was somewhat tough but riding

Started Monday from Watervliet, Covert, Sout Local registrars have been ap Douglas, Saugatuck, Graafsuck, land, West Olive, Grand Ha rysburg and Mona Beach. at Muskegon at 546 p. m. 6:20 and arrived at the hom son, Rudolph, at Twin Lake

The old hummer went through over a foot deep and no hills w These fourteen children and their Nowhere was the call of the gov- steep. For all the land I saw

My intention is to go as far ne

Today I was picking cucumbers

JOHN POZDOL HOME ON FURLOUGH

Tells of Marine Training to Fit Men For Work in Trenches of France.

John Pozdol, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pozdol, of East Franklin street, who enlisted in the marine corps early in May, arrived home Sunday night

on a ten day furlough. He is stationed with his regiment, the sixth, at the Quantico, Va., training camp, about thirty miles east of Washington, D. C., on the Potomac and as she put it herself, may the unit's exhibition drill and baseball river. Here the marines are receivbest man win, the race is still open game Monday morning, many lining ing regular infantry training to fit them for work in the trenches of

John has been attached to a machine gun company, his regiment being turned into a machine gun battalion. He is attending school each afternoon Bruns Gronawold, husband and two Simonson as platoon leaders the boys to fit himself for signalman of his gun. He will do the wig-wagging Paul Clara Bruns Kott, husband and Main to the depot then south to the and is gradually learning the International and Morse codes.

Besides the machine gun drill the boys are instructed in all infantry movements, bayonet drills and bombing practice. Real trench work, such as is now used in training recruits for all the allies, also falls to their

Stanley Baron and John Bryan, who are also at Quantico, but in another regiment will leave soon for the front, inthe opinion of John Pozdol. They are members of the fifth, composed of men who have been longer in the service or who have had previous training. John expects to eave Downers Grove Sunday.

A SUMMER JAUNT

Ye Hardware Man and Eitor, with their respective wives, last Saturday with joy set out to take some fishes lives. They journeyed south they journeyed west some ten or fifteen miles,-twas moonlight and the scenery was wreathed o'er with smiles. But they were not a marker to the grin upon the map of Elon Staats the printer-boy who sat beside his Pap. Twas all serene and lovely as we have observed before when suddenly Ed Dunnagan let out an aw ful roar. "We are undone! All bets are off. We've ridden much too fur. We'll have to stop right here all The ball game was ve exciting night. The trailer's lost a burr. "Talk sense," said Chris as he un said Ed. "that holds the wheel

> they went searching up and down to find the burr that was a nut they hunted all around. The Missuses joined in the search and Mrs. Chris soon said "I've trepped on something hard and sharp I wonder if its dead. "It is the nut that was a burr so let us hurry on", said Edward D. the Hardware man, "The night will soon

They hurried on till one a em and then drove in a gate and camped be- Science Department. side the river Fox they said "Twas pretty late." When rosy morn awakened them they saw a town near by and so they started out again-they didn't want folks nigh. At last they found a lonesome place where Elon sometimes wish that he was just a Mr. and Mrs. Eierst started boy again out fishing by himself and been ordered for this department. Within the next few days anther Mish, to visit their siR. H. and any fish well I should answer "Yas" ing letter is from Mr. : hhorst and ant time was had by all and Monday they returned well fed with fish and Twin Lake, Mich.,pt. 3rd, '17 sweet corn and with faces somewhat

MRS. FIDELIA EDGEWORTH

Mrs. Videlia Edgeworth died at the home morth, what is now called reavenament and for the former and Porte to Michig City, Ind., of her son, Fred, 44 Warren Ave., Wedbe still seen, and from which both ever. Improperly made it is worse which we re hed at 12lock. From nesday night. Funeral services will be held;

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The local schools started the 1917-18 school year Tuesday morning with a very good teaching force and good enrollment in all grades.

The high school, which was expected would fall down in enrollment ov nig to the good situations open to th younger generations on account war, equal last year's attendance o 160 in the first few days of school

In the lower grades the enrollment tight and if we want to find it we'll is also up to the high standard set by other years and it is expected when Young Elon struck a match and all the students are tabulated that the total will exceed even last year

The schools under the leadership of I'rof. Butler are well organized and with the excellent teaching staff now busy lining things up for the year, an exceptionally high grade of work is expected. One change has been made in the high school Miss Elizabeth Bodfish, of Palmer, Mass., taking the place of Miss Mary Mateer in the

Stenography and typewriting ha been added to the Commercial branch es and the school is now able to offer the full commercial course. Miss King will devote her entire time to this important department and fifteen have enrolled for the stenography

26, by automobile forwin Lakes, some little elf. Did Edward D. get well the schools have been made

WESTMAN - BAUER

On September third Hilda Elinor Westman and Martin A. Bauer were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Westman, 1713 Farragut Ave., Chicago. Both young people have lived in Downers Grove the past few years and will continue to make their home

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