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AMERICA FIRST!

BRUNS FAMILY HELD REUNION ON LABOR DAY

H. W. Bruns' Brothers and Sisters and their Children Enjoyed Annual Get Together

It is said that some time during the 17th Century a small group of people immigrated from a small hamlet in Scotland, to the Southern part of Germany, among this group were a few by the name of Bruns who remained there, intermarried with the Germans, founded homes, and became a numerous and thrifty people.

About 100 years later one lonely young man left these people, home parents and friends, boarded a vessel propelled only by the winds, started across the Atlantic Ocean, and landed in New York after a stormy and trying voyage lasting about thirteen weeks, from there he made his way to some friends at Elgin, Ill., sold his service to a farmer for a small amount per year, and began to enjoy real liberty, in the land of the brave and the home of the free.

After faithfully serving his master for a number of years, and enjoying freedom and liberty as he never enjoyed them before, he was called to serve his country he had learned to love, and help to free his brother who did not as yet enjoy liberty, even though they lived in his adopted land, for some reason, however, not known to the writer he was sent back home, and he did not have the privilege to take active part in the struggle of the Civil War, but on getting home he did the next best thing and got married, he found his bride in Chicago in the year 1862, and after a day in sight seeing loaded her on a haywagon and journeyed back per horse to a small log cabin, and began again to serve his country by tilling the soil and rearing a family, this in short is the early history of Henry L. Bruns, the Great Grandfather of the Bruns tribe.

In this log cabin near Elgin on the farm their first child, Henry W., now living in our village was born, and it is said that in the cornfields, on that farm, when left alone, while his parents were working side by side, not having much time to care for his wants, he developed an enormous lung power, 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 only one year on the farm they moved to Lake View, at that time a suburb of Chicago, where they remained until one year after the great Chicago fire, buying some ground and building a home about three miles further north, what is now called Ravenswood in Chicago, where the old home was still seen, and from which both parents were taken to their long resting place in Graceland Cemetery some years ago.

It might be interesting to note that Henry W. and his father worked night and day with a team of mules rearing people, carting their belongings 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.

the "in-laws" in fact as well as prospective, 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 make any man a splendid companion, and as she put it herself, may the best man win, the race is still open to all comers.

Present were: Henry W., wife and ten children; Misses Anna and Meriam, daughters of Wm. J.; Mrs. Rudolph Hannah Bruns Bofinger and husband; Mrs. Rev. Martin Pauline Bruns Gronawold, husband and two children, of Chatsworth, Ill.; Mrs. Paul Clara Bruns Kott, husband and four children; Mr. Benjamin, wife and three children; Mr. Fred L., wife and nine children, from Oak Park; Mrs. Beatrice Bruns Knaak, husband and four children, daughter and grand children of H. W.; Mrs. Carl Esther Stone and husband, daughter of H. W.; Miss Ida Bruns; Miss Sarah Bruns and Mrs. Stone and sister, mother and aunt of Carl.

All of the Henry W. Family are residents of our good old village, this includes his two married daughters, and he is working hard to get some more of the tribe to come here, his sister Mrs. Bofinger also lives here, the others living in Chicago, excepting as stated above; Florence the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. B. is at present employed in the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Chicago, where she has distinguished herself, as chief of the operating room, and expects to graduate in the near future as trained nurse and Deaconess. Mr. Jacob Bruns, son of William, has been called to the colors and is expected to join his regiment in the near future. We must not, however, forget the pretty daughter of our good Mayor, Miss Ruth Kidwell and Mr. Paul Boldebeck, who were present by special request.

There was no set program. Everybody did as they pleased, croquet and ball game contests were fought out, cameras were plentiful and photos taken by the hundreds. Eats of all kinds in plenty. Will they all be present next year?

There are no favorites in the Bruns family, nevertheless sister Min and Aunt Min, (Mrs. Minnie Schutt) seemed to get the most attention, some one had cut the Gump cartoon out of the morning Tribune and stuck it up where all could see it, and it was O MIN all day after that and the last thing Min heard when she was about a block from the house on her way to the depot, and if this meant anything then Aunt Min surely deserved the prize as no one name was mentioned as often as hers.

The next reunion will be held Labor Day 1918 at the home of Fred L. Oak Park, Ill.

RED CROSS UNIT BUSY Since the organization of the local unit of the Red Cross even more work has been done at headquarters than was done before the present affiliation with the national organization was effected.

REGISTRATION DAY FOR WOMEN POSTPONED Because of the enormous amount of preliminary work which must be done to make the registration of Illinois women in aid of the nation a success, the days of registration have been postponed until the first week in November when a systematic campaign will be begun to have every woman in the state place herself on record in a list which will disclose the capabilities of each for effective service.

HOME GUARD UNIT PLEASES IN FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Show Results of Hard Work in Parade and Drill Labor Day Morning

Downers Grove citizens gave full support to the local Home Guard unit's exhibition drill and baseball game Monday morning, many lining Main street to review the boys as they paraded and a fine crowd was on the side lines to view the drill and ball game in back of the high school.

Under the leadership of Capt. Foster with Lieutenants Balezanski and Simonson as platoon leaders the boys swung from Curtiss street south on Main to the depot then south to the high school grounds. Here the drill was given on the comparatively uneven field and only favorable comments were heard from the spectators as to the evolutions performed. Considering that the unit has only had about six drills and that very few have had any previous military training, very good progress has been made.

In a financial way the drill and ball game was a great success and over \$100 was cleared by the organization for the purchase of uniforms and other necessary equipment. The Downers Grove unit of the Home Guard is the only one in this part of the state outside of Cook county that has been recognized by the State Council of Defense. There are other units in this county that have been organized long than this one.

The ball game was very exciting until the first platoon threw numerous clouts off the opposing pitcher made the score one side final result showing the first team winner by the score of 16 to 10.

EMIL EICHHORN ON TRIP THROUGH MICH. Writes of Poor Crops - to run from One to Ten Bushels to the Acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Eichorn started from their home near St. August, 26, by automobile forwin Lakes, Mich., to visit their son R. H. and wife who have been living there for the last four years. The following letter is from Mr. Eichorn and is very interesting.

REGISTRATION DAY FOR WOMEN POSTPONED (Continued) Regular meetings of the Downers Grove Unit of the Red Cross are held every Wednesday at Library Hall.

BOYS RAISE RECORD POTATO CROP Nowhere was the call of the government to increase crops responded to better than at the St. Charles State Home for Boys. City-bred youths at the correctional institution went at farm work enthusiastically and on one 45 acre patch raised 6,000 bushels of potatoes.

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 river. Here the marines are receiving regular infantry training to fit them for work in the trenches of Europe.

A SUMMER JAUNT Ye Hardware Man and Editor, 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 Elton Staats the printer-boy who sat beside his Pap.

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.

MRS. FIDELIA EDGEWORTH Mrs. Fidelia Edgeworth died at the home of her son, Fred, 44 Warren Ave., Wednesday night. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a. m. The body will be taken to Joliet for burial.

Telephone Unpreparedness "WAIT a minute, Central, I'll get the number." That means delay which, when it occurs often, will slow up the whole service.



Telephone Unpreparedness (Continued) To avoid such delays, the telephone user should always be sure of the number wanted before taking the receiver from the hook.

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160 ENROLLED AS HIGH SCHOOL STARTS WORKING

Excellent Teaching Force Gives Promise of Good Years Work by Students.

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 owing to the good situations open to the younger generations on account of war, equal last year's attendance of 160 in the first few days of school.

WESTMAN - BAUER (Continued) Under the direction of Chas. Caldwell the schools have been made "pick and span" for the opening and will be kept so as in the past.

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