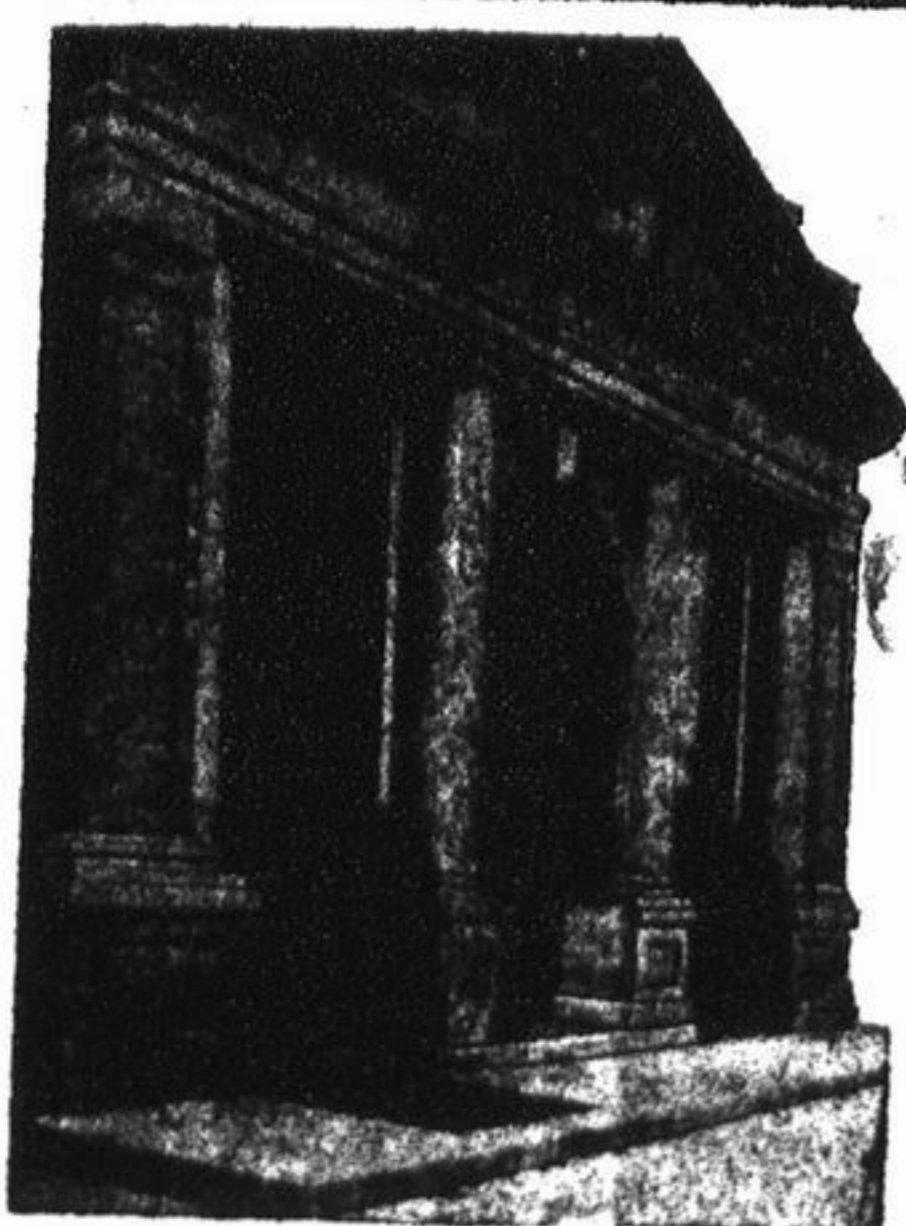


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## HELPERS WANTED, RED CROSS WORK ENOUGH FOR ALL

First Surgical Dressing Class Held Tuesday Night. Help is Needed Here

Mrs. Sears, who has spent two and a half years in the European belligerent countries, is to speak on the war in Downers Grove Wednesday evening, Nov. 21. She was in Germany when the war broke out and has made a study of the political and economic situation there, in Belgium and France. She is speaking under the auspices of the American Red Cross and her address here was arranged by the local branch.

Mrs. Sears is a Shakespearean actress and was for several years with Sir Henry Irving. Her appearance here would attract a big audience under ordinary circumstances and as she will speak on a subject of such lively interest and from an authoritative standpoint a packed house is assured for her.

With American soldiers now actually fighting in France and the prospect of an immensely larger army necessitated by the Italian and Russian disasters, the American Red Cross will have to redouble its efforts. The Downers Grove branch has already put on pressure. All women of the village are requested to attend the study work meetings at the library. Study instructions are given in several of the sessions and are being distributed. The society is for the soldiers.

The bakery sales conducted the last two Saturdays to raise additional funds for the Downers Grove branch have netted nearly \$175.00.

The last sale which was handled by the south side women, brought in more than \$100 and the total from the efforts of the north side women on the previous Saturday was \$68.00.

The first class in surgical dressings was held Tuesday evening. It is being supervised by Miss Maud Mertz. As soon as this class has completed its course and begun work Miss Mertz will take charge of another. But sixteen people are permitted in a class as this work can best be done by small units. Possibly other classes under other supervision will be started.

## CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR LOCAL SOLDIERS

Almost every Downers Grove resident can, and should, contribute something to give our boys, real home boys, as merry a Christmas as possible. Just think, thousands of miles from home, in a strange country and fighting our fight. Away from their loved ones and probably this is the first Christmas some of them have been away from the home fireside.

S. J. Perkin has purchased a variety of things such as, tobacco, pipes, candy, etc. to send to local boys with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

Anyone wishing to add anything to these boxes should see him at once by early shipments are insisted upon will be received at Mr. Perkin's barber shop, but they must be in on or before November 10th. The name of the donor will be written on every package.

Let all Downers Grove unite in this cause of giving Downers Grove boys a Merry Christmas.

## REGISTRATION OF WOMEN TO TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK

Village Ready—Volunteer Shirkish Line in House to House Canvass Explains Plan

Nearly two score women have made a house to house canvass of the village to acquaint the women citizens with the purpose of registration week in accordance with the plans of the Woman's Committee of the National Council of Defense to have every patriotic woman listed according to her ability to help the country in this crisis. There is little left to be done aside from the actual registration of the women at the registration booths which will be opened in Library Hall beginning next Monday, November 5, and continuing through the week.

A corps of twenty-four registrars working in relays each afternoon and Saturday will fill in the official blanks, a copy of which is published in another column. The afternoon hours of registration are from two until five o'clock in Library Hall. The evening hours are from seven until nine o'clock upstairs in the Library.

The persons of the registrars is: Mrs. Mable H. Jones, chairman, Mrs. Jonas R. Foster, Mrs. MacDonald, Frank Lower, Lavara Hannan, Allen H. Barnhart, Thomas Tizzard, Minnie Prince, A. B. Snow, Mary Collier, M. E. Coleman, W. H. Blodgett, T. S. Shelly, T. F. Kelley, W. J. C. Reid, G. L. Bush, M. K. Bush, J. C. White, W. R. Turnbull, Hattie Tiffany, Miss Fanny L. Stewart.

Those who are canvassing the village are: Mrs. Nellie Prickett, Grace Hummel, Madge Eager, Millicent Hancock, Lester Barr, Spencer Fuller, J. D. Gillespie, Drach, C. Mahoney, N. C. Pearce, J. R. Shaffer, I. H. W. Barber, Cleveland, John Nargney, G. T. Hughes, T. F. Kelley, Jules Zindt, A. C. Miskelly, Frankfield, A. A. Shumaker, W. F. Frisbie, E. H. Huntington, F. M. Davis, C. O. Wagner, John Venard, Degan, Kettnering, A. L. Beidelman, Winchell, Miss Cora Blodgett, Emma Fletcher, Elva Turabull, Elizabeth Strong, Helen Ehinger, Helen Clifford, Edith Snyder.

## RECEPTION FOR REV. CRUSIUS

Members and friends of St. Paul's Evangelical church of Grove street held a reception at the church last Friday evening to welcome their new pastor, Rev. Paul Crusius. Many were in attendance despite the bad weather. Mr. G. H. Hager made the address of welcome which was responded to by Rev. Crusius.

A musical program was then given consisting of piano solos by Mrs. Roland Schmitt and George Bunge, a duet by Miss Esther Kl. and Mrs. Roland Schmitt and a solo by Miss Mildred Leibundguth. These numbers were well rendered and appreciated.

After the program a lunch was served in the church basement by the Ladies Aid Society.

## ERVIN JESSE OLDFIELD

Mr. Ervin Jesse Oldfield of Cass, died at his home in Cass, October 29, following an attack of pneumonia to which he succumbed after an illness of only a week.

He was a son of Jesse E. Oldfield, pioneer resident of Downers Grove township who died last night.

Mr. Oldfield was born February 13, 1872 at Cass. His whole life was spent at the home of his birth. He was married November 29, 1909 to Mrs. Alice Schatzka and leaves to flourish him a widow, two daughters and two stepsons, besides his brothers and sisters, Mrs. Mary Atwood, Mrs. Ella Craigmile, and Joseph Oldfield of Vandalia, Ill., Mrs. Clara Welch of Chicago, Mrs. Frances Littleford of Downers Grove, Mrs. Emma Shepherd of Morrell, Kansas, and Mrs. Grace Hawkins and Mr. Chas. Oldfield of Cass.

Interment was made yesterday afternoon at Fairview cemetery, Cass. Rev. Frunet of the Cass church officiating.

## BOY SCOUTS HELPED SELL LIBERTY LOAN

Boy Scouts of Troops one and two did "their bit" in helping pull the Liberty Loan over the mark. During the last week of the campaign the boys of the village received seventy-three applications for bonds amounting to over \$8,700.00 compared to \$2,600.00 of the first.

In selling bonds of the first issue, two local boys received medals, while for this issue the following boys will be awarded them for their efforts: Paul Prickett, 16 bonds, \$1,580.00 and Robert Knoblanck, 10 bonds, \$1,100.00.

Wait until the next issue and when a boy scout visits your home, don't be a slacker, but help the good old U. S. win the war.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Local Red Cross in Need of Many Sewing Machines

It is necessary to have eight or nine sewing machines for the Red Cross work, at Library Hall, each week. It is very difficult to have this many taken back and forth each sewing day.

If anyone has a machine that could be spared for several weeks, it would be greatly appreciated. It would be returned to the donor.

Notify telephone 28-7.

## LOCAL BOYS SAFE IN FRANCE WITH THEIR REGIMENTS

Will Soon be Fighting Our Fight in Greatest War of All Times.

Downers Grove boys are in France! Fourteen of the young men of the village are now with the American Expeditionary Force soon to be in the front lines in the great world war of Democracy against Autocracy. Three of the boys, John Bryan, Stanley Barron and John Burek are with the Marines, the last named is now most likely in the trenches as he went "over there" with the first force to leave our shores.

Besides these representatives in the Infantry Downers Grove has eleven in the Artillery branch, already there or soon going. They are Grant Nash, Stewart and Alex Burns, Gilbert Lacey, Chester Hall, Frederick Sacksteder, Myron Towley, Fred Edwards, Harry Grant, Dwight Cox, George Nargney, and Sam Bertolin. It is known that all of these but the last four have landed "Somewhere in France." The others were sent with a horse detail and from last accounts were still at Newport News, Va. That they will join their regiment soon, if they haven't already in Europe, brings a far off thought that one could but dimly sense, but it is now right here at home.

## W. W. HEINTZ NEW PRESIDENT COUNTY S. S. ASSOCIATION

Miss Jessie Bryce, Secretary Elected at Annual Convention Here Saturday and Sunday.

The DuPage County Sunday School Convention held at the Methodist Church on Saturday and Sunday, October 27th and 28th was one of the best ever held in the County.

The Saturday morning session commenced at 10:00 o'clock with registration of delegates and at 11:00 o'clock a service of Song and Thanksgiving led by Rev. Ira M. Grey, followed by Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. J. J. Schepke.

The afternoon service included an address on Elementary work by Miss Pearl Weaver, State Secretary of Elementary work, after which the Convention took up the business of the Session. The officers gave the report for the year's work. At the close of the business session, the meeting was turned over to representatives of the Chicago Boys Club who gave every inspirational and helpful service.

Saturday evening Miss Weaver gave an address on the theme, "The Joy of the Sower," outlining the work of the Sunday School in its many phases.

The addresses Sunday afternoon, one by Mr. O. B. Reed, Secretary of M. C. A. County, and the address and conference by Rev. Arthur A. Amy, pastor of the DuPage Church dwelt upon the work for boys and girls in the teen age.

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One of the features of the Convention was the special music at each one of the sessions, rendered by local talent, consisting of solos, duets, united choirs, quartette and male chorus.

One hundred and forty delegates attended the Convention from out of town, 48 of them being from Wheaton, 29 from Naperville, 29 from West Chicago and 16 from Glen Ellyn.

In the election of officers for the coming year Downers Grove was given the two most important positions, President and Secretary. Mr. W. W. Heintz, who has done efficient work as Secretary of the organization, while Miss Jessie Bryce, always active in Sunday School work was elected Secretary.

The following officers were elected to serve for a period of one year: President, W. W. Heintz, Downers Grove.

Vice President, Miss Lela M. Chatfield, West Chicago.

Secretary, Miss Jessie Bryce, Downers Grove.

Assistant Secretary, Raymond P. Frye Lombard.

Treasurer, E. H. Bingham, Hinsdale.

Departmental Superintendents: Adult, Judge C. D. Clark, Wheaton. Elementary, Mrs. Clara Grote, Wheaton.

Secondary, E. H. Stevens, Naperville.

Temperance, Miss Carrie Roundy, West Chicago.

Missionary, Prof. Geo. H. Smith, Wheaton.

Home, Mrs. E. H. Prince, Downers Grove.

Additional Members of the Executive Committee: B. J. Slick, Naperville. Geo. Littleford, Hinsdale. W. F. Jensen, Glen Ellyn. Chas. W. Rohr, West Chicago. F. K. Mann, Wheaton. Prof. G. J. Attig, Naperville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gerwig entertained at cards Saturday night at their home on East Parkway. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Corrallo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen and Mrs. and Mrs. W. J. Sants. Refreshments were served at the library.

## ANNUAL RECEPTION OF WOMANS CLUB AT LIBRARY HALL

Program of Usual Excellency Appreciated by Those Who Braved the Snow Storm

The annual reception of the Downers Grove Woman's Club in Library Hall last Monday evening was well attended and was an enjoyable affair despite the unseasonable weather.

Those who braved the elements and defied the snow storm were rewarded by a program of more than usual excellence.

The guests gathered in the Library and greeted their hostesses, the officers of the club after which some minutes were passed in conversation the gathering breaking naturally into small groups.

The program was presented in Library Hall.

In a few well chosen words the club president, Mrs. Jonas R. Foster spoke of other years of the work of the club, of its growth and the place it now holds in the community life, and welcomed the guests. Musical selections were presented by Miss Martha Puffer, formerly a resident of Downers Grove, and a graduate of Chicago Musical College, who sang, "Where My Caravan has Rested," and "The Nightingale," and Melvin E. Coleman who sang "The Trumpet" and "My Little Grey Home in the West." Both soloists displayed extraordinary tone qualities and technique and were heartily received. "A Tragedy of Gowns," interpreted by Miss Amber Hopkins of Chicago was strange mingling of pathos and comedy with a happy ending. Her rendition of "Mon Pierre" was carried with it the spice of the Canadian woods and her finale with "Winkling Blinking and the Evening."

Dainty cakes and ice cream were served by the House and Social committee.

Miss Besie Nash was the accompanist of the evening.

## NOTES OF CO. H. RESERVE MILITIA

The blinding blizzard Monday night was thought too severe for the men of Company H, Reserve Militia, in their light-weight summer uniforms for outside drill. They formed at headquarters and marched to the high school building where school was held.

Lieutenants Balczynski and Simonson acted as instructors and the men were examined on the tactics which they have had in drill. The "school" was both interesting and instructive, to the officers as well as the men and will be continued.

The corporals now have the name and address, both residence and business, with phone numbers, of all men in their squads and if a call comes the company can be brought together in less than an hour.

A social committee and one for athletics were appointed at the meeting Monday night. The social committee is to perfect arrangements for a dance in the near future and the athletic five will line up a Company football team.

Company H, with the other units of the Second Battalion will have honor drill at LaGrange Sunday morning. Company H will leave the Grove on the 9:07 train.

## JESSE E. OLDFIELD DIED LAST NIGHT

Jesse Oldfield, almost a hundred years old and well known all over the County, died at his home in Cass at six o'clock last night. He was a pioneer settler of Downers Grove township. His death was not unexpected as he has been sick for the last few days.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 1:30 from his home and 2:00 o'clock at the Cass church. His obituary will be published next week.

## REAL BLIZZARD HITS DOWNERS

Middle of the winter weather has certainly been our portion during the past week. The blizzard of Monday afternoon and evening is seldom equaled by any of the January variety and the mercury in local tubes hit 16 above several times during the week.

The worst feature of this cold weather is a real shortage of hard coal of a size for base burners. Not a coal dealer in the village has a pound of coal and while they all have orders, wholesalers are not promising shipments.

W. O. Briggs of Lisle, who watches the weather pretty closely, says there have been only two months in this year that we did not have a frost. These months were July and August. The month just past has been the coldest in memory of the oldest inhabitant for October.

## A CORRECTION

In writing up the Liberty Day doings last week we said, "all business houses in the village closed their doors with the exception of the south side pool room." This was wrong, there is a "going to press" mistake without verification.

We find that the pool room in question was closed during the afternoon and evening of the evening and that the

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