

**IN AND AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL**

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**Vacation's fine!**  
 Three kinds of music have been "going the rounds" at high school: patriotic, Christmas and marital. The latter sort is gently hummed by one of the teachers. We extend congratulations.

Last Friday afternoon the Seniors entertained the high school and part of the grades with a Christmas program.

Ruth Bessey very entertainingly read "A Christmas Present For a Lady," by Myra Kelly.

The Seniors staged several scenes from "The Bird's Christmas Carol," ready to go out to dinner. The costuming and general makeup of the scene in which Willard Gallup, as one of the youngsters got his neck scrubbed with a stiff brush saturated with laundry soap suds, was very pleasing to any people in the audience who were "mad at him."

Adelaide Walter played the part of Mrs. Ruggles very well. The following Seniors were the various children: (we don't know which is which and we can't get the Dramatis Personae) Margaret Hammond, Gladys Bessey, Ruth Oliver, Ruby Iehl, Frank Waples, Roy Bruns, Joseph Miller, Willard Gallup.

Little Mildred Hansen sang "Way in a Manger," and she truly very well.

The program was ended after the class had sung several Christmas songs. "The House of Song" with local variations was a hit.

Mrs. Dorothy Lathrop McNicholas was a visitor last Thursday.

Last Friday evening the basket ball five (or rather seven) having missed the train or so, and walked a mile or so, arrived at the Deerfield-Sherburne school somewhere near Highland Park.

After the necessary preliminaries of donning their brand new basket ball suits and looking at the girls in the gallery, they opened the D. G. H. S. basket ball season of 1917-18. They had a rather tough time of it because they had to play against taller and more experienced men. Cowie of Deerfield was the star.

Another factor against our boys was the lack of teamwork. They have never played together and have not had much practice. Teamwork has always been an important part of past Downers Grove basket ball teams, and it will be developed in this year's team before long.

At the end of the first half the score was 17-4. Allison went out and White, who is heavier, took his place. The final score was 33-11 in favor of Deerfield.

Although the boys lost, they played a dandy game. The lineup was: Deerfield: r. f. Kimball, l. f. Cowie, c. Black Kimball, r. g. Stubbs, l. g. Bell, Bolan.

Downers Grove: l. g. DeWitt, r. g. Allison-White, c. Vix, l. f. Vaughan, r. f. Quincy.

Field Goals: Kimball 4, Cowie 6, Black 6, DeWitt 1, Vaughan 1, Quincy 1.

Free throws: Cowie 1, Vaughan 5.

**Happy New Year!**  
**How to Cut a Bottle.**  
 A simple method of accurately cutting a bottle is to place it upon some level foundation and fill it with linseed oil to the point at which you desire the line of separation to occur. Then take an iron rod of as great a diameter as will pass into the bottle, make it almost white hot, and dip it into the oil. After the lapse of a few moments a sharp crack is heard, and the bottle is found to be neatly cut as if with a diamond. If the bottle be very thick and the crackling sound not heard in a few moments, a little cold water thrown on the outside will accomplish it.

**Was Equal to the Emergency.**  
 It was in a Sunday school on the East side of New York that a new interpretation of Moses' flight from Egypt into the Promised Land was given. The exponent of the old, old story had told of Moses' leadership and of the attempt of the Egyptians to wrest back their slaves from the fast-moving Moses. "But wasn't it wrong for him to take away the Israelites from the Egyptians?" asked one little fellow, "when they wuz under contract to work for them?" The speaker saw he must temporize. This was a community where unions thrived, and the sacredness of one's bond mustn't be attacked. "Oh, that was all right," he explained. "Moses gave them a check on the bank of the Red sea."

**HOW WILL THE CHURCH STAND WAR'S STRAIN?**

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 We are at the parting of the ways. Either America will go to God, or she will go from God. There is no neutral ground upon which we may stand. Life must have some form of control. What shall that form be for us? Shall it come from God, or from the Super-Man? If we are to adopt a form of materialism, why not take the brand which modern Germany has developed and follow the Kaiser all the way?

No, friends, our country needs the church to hold our people, in this time of shaking foundations, to the mighty verities of time and eternity. The boys at the front need God. They face the issues of life and death. They need also to know that at home is keeping fast hold and keeping the home fire of a living touch with that of upon the altars of God.

And we at home have war. Keeping close to God, our country is being made a material. We are even now in the pinch of things. You here faces us the many appeals are to make ends meet with a question for the struggle. But if we leave God out of our thought, our time, our service shall only be unerving our- selves for the struggle.

The cup of woe is being prepared for our lips today. All of us must taste it. Some of us must drink it to the very dregs. How shall we endure it?

Some of us must wear our old clothes and eat plain, very plain food, and some of us have given our boys, while others, must; and some of these will lay down their lives for the country.

God pity us in these days of sorrow as we face an unknown future. But let us begin now to cling closer to God and not closer to our world with its cares and sorrows. Ah, we need something to put the heart into us these days, and God alone can do that. The spectacle of slaughter, of cruelty and of unutterable sorrow and of irreparable loss will surely sadden, if not even madden us, unless our religion keeps an overshadowing place in our lives.

We must not confine ourselves to the sad, the terrible and the sordid alone. In that way we shall not keep up our morale. In the awful days which are before us we shall lose our hold upon God, and we shall lose hope; and when hope and buoyancy and faith are at low ebb, or gone altogether, heaven pity us and our country.

There can be no true patriotism unless it is Godly. America must kneel before high heaven as never before if she would measure up to the task which she is facing today.

If we could only understand it! If we could only face the reality of the situation as can those who see more closely the horrors of war. A soldier at the front has written home: "If people at home could see what is going on over here, they would seek God above everything else."

The day is coming when many of our boys will see what is going on over there and have a part in it. Some of them are already there. They need and will continue to need the habitual prayers of the congregations in our churches. Our country must have citizens of poise, and of faith, such as only the peace of God can make.

The church in this hour has got to have devotion in order that she may not fail her God and the world. Especially is it true that the answer to the question whether the church will stand the strain of war depends upon the attitude of the people who are its members. The men and women who know Christ, and who are His indeed, must build their lives more deeply than ever into the church. It has ever been true that God does his work by the sacrificial lives of the faithful few. We must not fail him now.



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of a boy, what will it be? Harry Lauder knows. Harry Lauder, the comedian, with whose voice we are familiar from listening to his records. The world needs Harry Lauder and his songs, because the world needs to laugh. But the world needed Harry Lauder more than it knew until that day when his boy died with his face to the front. For on that day Harry Lauder looked into the face of God and gave himself to Him. There are three things he said in explanation, which a great sorrow can do for a man. It can drive him to drink, it can give him a grouch or it can take him over to God. Harry Lauder got over to God. The world will still laugh because of Harry Lauder and his songs. Thank God that it can. But there's a new note and a new joy in the songs he's singing now since Harry Lauder, because of his great sorrow, got over to God.

**HEALTH FOUND IN GARDEN**

Perseveration That Results Carries Away Noxious Elements, and Strength and Vigor Are Certain.

To the man who woos her earnestly nature offers a store of unexpected gifts. Our thousands of amateur gardeners who have put in the leisure hours in their little garden patches have begun to realize that one of the biggest rewards of their labors may not be the actual produce they will obtain, valuable as that may be, but in the less tangible results on their own bodily and spiritual welfare.

There is health in the soil of Mother Earth. The perseveration that results from your labors is carrying away noxious elements from your blood. Strength and vigor come from contact with the soil. In this kinship to the earth is found one reason that nearly all of our greatest men have been country-bred boys. It is why farmer-boys of today are stronger and more able than youths reared in cities. Do not be afraid if your hand acquires a few callouses or a brownish tint. A well-tanned hand is a more fitting subject for pride than a soft, white, useless hand. You may meet with some failures from not knowing the how and why of things, but there is a joy which cannot fail.

The miracle of planting a seed and seeing the growth, though a common thing, contains joy and food for the heart. Gardening not only brings nourishment for the body and food for the mind, but it expands the soul.—Milwaukee Journal.

**French Drapery.**  
 The French are pastmasters in the art of draping fabrics. A Parisienne has truthfully said that French taste is distinctly feminine and as clear as the Gallic language itself, says an expert. It possesses the gentleness of the curves, the secret of what is graceful and the intuition of what brings about harmony. These characteristics are all to be found in French art, French industries and French creations.

**LODGE & CLUB DIRECTORY**

**GROVE LODGE NO. 23**  
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**Real Estate Listings:**

- 3 1/2 acres, 5-room house, about one block from village limits; owner will sell at a low figure. This house is only three years old. City gas, extra large cistern; a bargain for someone.
- 3 1/2 acres with 6-room house, large barn, extra large chicken house, all kinds of fruit, deep well, gas, about 15 minutes walk to station. Price \$4700.
- 1 1/2 acres, 6-room house, garage, barn, chicken house, fruit trees, about 3 blocks from village limits, a bargain for \$3200.
- If you are interested in acre property let me know as I have at present several acre tracts for sale. Prices range from \$350 to \$600 an acre. All situated in village limits.
- 6-room house, hot water heat, bath, laundry, 2 50-ft. lots, chicken house, fruit. A bargain for \$2600. Make offer.
- 6-room house, all modern, lots 132, best of location, owner is anxious to sell at once, reasonable terms, make offer.
- If you are looking for a good lot for \$200 let me know.
- 4-room house with stone foundation, basement, electric light, also small barn. This is in good condition and is for \$1900.
- 7-room house, with steam heat, full basement, bath, with 2 50-ft. lots, on paved street best neighborhood. Price, \$3500.
- If you are looking for a cheap lot on the south side let me hear from you.
- 7-room house, hardwood floors down stairs, water, gas, and bath, large lot, fruit trees, chicken house. Price \$3000.
- 5-room bungalow, water and gas, about 4 blocks from station, \$1500.
- 50-ft. lot east front, good location.
- 6-room new stucco house on paved street, cement basement, furnace heat, laundry, large living room, book case, buffet, oak trim, bath, sleeping porch, near station, good neighborhood. A bargain at \$4300. Terms.
- 6-room house, hot water heat, all modern, best part of north side. \$3000.
- 5 1/2 x 142 east front lot, just outside of village limits, good neighborhood, price \$200.
- 7-room house, cement basement, furnace heat, laundry, bath, fireplace, electric lights, large lot. \$4500.
- 5-room bungalow, new, all modern, good location, east front, lot 75x125. Price, \$3600.
- 50-ft. lot just outside of village limits, gas, water, electric light. A bargain for \$250.
- 7-room house, steam heat, bath, hard wood floors downstairs, lot 65x152. Price \$3600. Easy Terms.
- FARMS**  
 120 acres, fair buildings, about 3 1/2 miles from Downers Grove. Price per acre, \$125.  
 158 acres on main stone road. Price \$135 per acre, make offer.
- If you are looking for an 80-acre farm, I have them from \$185 to \$225 per acre.
- 5 acres at edge of town, near school, in reach of electric light, gas and village water. Ask me about the price.
- 30 acres on main stone road, part timber, about 1 1/2 miles from depot. \$150 per acre.
- If you don't find the property you are looking for in this list call up 266-J as I have a number of others that might interest you.

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