

'ROOKIE' WRITES OF RESERVE MILITIA AFTER TWO DRILLS

J. E. Shaffer, one of New Recruits Gives Impression of So-Called Home Guard.

It is kind of a misnomer to call it the "Home Guard" for after all the Home Guard is the whole U. S. A., at the present time. It includes every loyal man, woman and child in the country for "we the people of the U. S. are the government and we are waging war." But within a narrower meaning, we have here in Downers Grove Co. H., 2nd Regiment, Ill. Reserve Militia. At his writing we have 101 members. It includes in its membership those whose hearts are young and therefore right, men who more particularly agree to protect folks and property in a most specific way by getting together and working hard and giving time and money. The best men in town, in the most public spirited broadest minded organization this village ever had. For the call to arm and get ready has awakened us from a sleep that threatened to destroy us. Every man, may I say, in Co. H., believes that war is the lesser of two evils, for only in this sense can war be right or just. Killing and maiming human beings and destroying property are the accidents of war. The true warrior's business is to compel his antagonist to desist from his unlawful enterprise. Every man in this organization realizes fully that war in some form or other is always present because he realizes that orderliness, decency, safety are represented by the law. He knows that in union there is strength, as against disunion which is the mob.

He always has believed that every man's house is his castle and he was ready at any time to fight and die for this principle, but as to being prepared to fight and die for it in a real united and organized sense, has not occurred to him until recently. And we all are of the opinion that he will never forget it. Every man of the great Co. H., is drilling his feet to march, his head to think and his heart to feel, each member of his squad is as good as he is, no better, no worse, without regard to whether he is the head of a big business, the president of a company or the porter that cleans up the office. No matter what his salary is or for whom he works, or whether he has a big income or just a small cottage or 200 acres. Each member of Co. H. is a loyal citizen of the U. S. A. ready to give up his job or his acres to fight and die to enable his fellow citizens to live and get and pursue happiness. It is not the color, or the race, or nationality or origin or birth, or family or creed, it is citizenship. And finally in this impression of mine of Co. H. after just 2 drill nights I would say to all who have not personally identified themselves with us this, if you cannot for any reason drill with us in person, then drill with us in spirit by encouragement and giving, and every man, woman and child in this community is a member, for never in the history of the world is it truer than it is today.

KEEP YOUR LIBERTY BOND

The man who subscribes for a Government bond, and is advertised as a patriot for doing so, is not a patriot if he immediately sells that bond on the market when he does not imperatively need the money. It is not mere subscription to a bond that helps the government; it is by actually lending money to the Government and not by merely promising it and shifting the load to some one else that the citizen really helps in this great time.

There is no desire, however, on the part of the Government to prevent or to interfere with the freedom of legitimate trading in Government bonds—that is trading in good faith.

THE MOTHERS CLUB

Unfavorable weather and the busy Holiday season were responsible for keeping many away from the Mothers' Club Tuesday.

The program was delightful and harmonized with the season. Christmas Carols from Burgman and Reinecke were sung by Misses Dmitzer, Gardiner and Coonley. Miss Morse read from Dickens' Immortal Christmas Carol.

A good number of gifts were brought for the Jolly Tar Navy Boys Christmas and have since been expressed to the Home at 617 Marion St., Waukegan.

TO THE CHILDREN

While you are enjoying the gifts and all of the good things that Christmas Day brings to you, do not forget that the little birds are depending upon you for their Christmas cheer. They are grateful little friends and will repay you in many ways for the little attention given them.

Put out a little grain and suet Christmas morning and wish the birds a Happy Christmas day as you are enjoying.

Mrs. E. G. Lemon.

U. S. PRISONERS WORK

Alien Enemies Receive Fair Treatment and Pay for Their Labor.

The interned Germans at the station at Hot Springs, N. C., are not prisoners of war. They comprise officers and crews of the German merchant vessels which were held in the United States at the time of the declaration of war.

These aliens receive no funds from the Government except compensation for labor actually performed. Those engaged in construction work get \$20 a month, with an additional \$5 to formen. Interned officers have not been permitted to receive from any source more than \$10 a month and crewmen not more than \$5. Receipts in excess of these amounts are placed to the credit of the aliens in banks.

Three plain but substantial meals are prepared each day. There is no waste, the same measure of economy and conservation which are being urged upon every American housewife being practised at Hot Springs.

that he that is not with us is against us, and he that gathereth not with us scattereth.

MORE NAMES FOR LOCAL HONOR ROLL

Reporter List Now 133 With Enlistments Brought Up To Date Send Names In

Our "Honor Roll" this week contains 133 names of local men and boys who have signed up to help Uncle Sam in this world crisis. This list includes those who are already in active service, who are training or waiting for their call.

New enlistments this week include Frank Bruns, John Dressler, Alex Gollan and Alvin Buschman. The latter two have been working for the Burlington in Omaha and enlisted in that city. Gollan is in the Quartermaster's Department and will train

REJUVENATED CO. H IS NOW DRILLING HARD

New Men and Old Enthusiased—Everyone Now Pulling Together for Success.

Company H, Illinois Reserve Militia, rejuvenated, is the hardest working organization of men in the village. Every man, old and young, new or old to the military game, is throwing himself into the drills with all his heart.

In the deep snow last Sunday afternoon and Monday night, the "rookies" were given a taste of squad movements and they held up nobly. These new recruits are certainly "there." Not a murmur was heard and they all showed lots of real "pep."

OUR CREDIT AND OUR ARMY

We must realize that the Government's credit is vital to the success of the war; that it underlies every activity. It is a sacred duty of every citizen, and it should be regarded as a glorious privilege by every patriot to uphold the Government's credit with the same kind of self-sacrifice and nobility of soul that our gallant sons exhibit when they die for us on the battle fields of Europe. It is as imperative to sustain the Government's credit as it is to sustain our armies because our armies cannot be sustained unless the Government's credit is always above reproach.

HESTERMAN ENTERTAINED NOTED GUESTS

Given Care of Well Known I. W. W. Heads in County "Strong Box."

Not many people in the County have known that Sheriff John Hesterman has been the honored sleuth of the Federal Court and into his keeping was entrusted the care of Bill Haywood, head of the I. W. W. organization, who was charged of conspiring to obstruct the war measures of the government.

Committed in the county jail were about twenty other members of that organization who were all Federal prisoners and sent to this county because we have a "strong box" and a Sheriff who is reliable and dependable.

Mr. Hesterman was aware of the character of his prisoners and to guard against any attempt of a jail delivery where the queen bee was located, the outside lights which surround the county jail have been burning brightly ever since the prisoners were brought here. The rifles in the jail were loaded and guards would have given a visiting party a warm reception had one been attempted. The prisoners were arraigned before Judge Landis in Chicago last Saturday.

Again in the evening, a treat will be offered when the Church Choir, under the leadership of Miss Beanie Nash, will render the Christmas cantata, "The Adoration," by Nevins. The program is one which will richly repay those who may be privileged to hear it. The choir will be supplemented by a number of additional voices and it is anticipated that this beautiful cantata will be heard to unusual advantage. As a prelude, the Children's Chorus of the church, will sing a selection. An invitation is extended to the general public to share the day's exercises.

OUR COURAGE AND RESOURCES

The courage and resources of the Nation are so abundant that America's success in the war is beyond question if they are properly organized and intelligently used. The economic and financial condition of the country was never so strong and America's spirit was never more aroused to the importance and necessity of going forward, resolutely and regardless of sacrifices, to the accomplishment of the great task to which God has called us.

Perforation of Stamps. The perforation of stamps was first commenced in England in 1863, for receipt and draft stamps, and for postage stamps in 1864. Prior to that period stamps were separated by means of scissors or a knife or similar means, and in some cases those who required many resorted to the use of a roulette, a kind of cogwheel furnished with small cutters, making a series of cuts between the stamps.

Face the Truth. There are times when we should be thankful for the frankness that stings. We do not know ourselves any too well. If others lend us their eyes for a little, the revelation may be startling, but such unpleasant surprises are of real service to us. Let us be brave enough to face the truth about ourselves fearlessly. The friend who is frank is the friend who really helps.—Exchange.

XMAS SUNDAY AT CONG'L CHURCH A SPECIAL DAY

Flag Raising Exercises at Morning Service—Men in Khaki to be Present, Concert at Night

Christmas will take on a special significance in connection with church exercises this year. The patriotic element will be pronounced in the celebrations throughout, particularly where churches have given numbers of young men to the service of the country.

At the First Congregational church the Sunday morning service will be marked by a flag raising ceremony, in addition to the usual Christmas observance. A new American flag which has just been purchased will be put in position on a specially prepared stand, appropriate exercises being planned in which a detail of Company H of the State Reserve Militia will participate.

With thirty of its men in the National Army (a number of them in France) and a strong representation in the State Militia, the Church will observe Sunday morning as an occasion when a special tribute of honor and affection will be paid to these gallant boys. The parents and friends of these enlisted men welcome this opportunity to express in common with the whole church their deep interest in and their fervent prayers for those who have gone forth from home and church for freedom and democracy.

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Advertised Letters. Letters advertised for the week ending December 22nd, 1917. Clauders, Paul, letter; Dunlap, G. H., letter; Filster, L. P., letter; Heidem, Ed., letter; Metz, Charlie, card; Keegan, Jerry, letter; Kirchoff, B., card; Kochinsky, letter; Lester, Cornelia, letter; Short, J., letter; Sowicki, A., letter; Weimer, R. P., letter. John D. Downer.

Good for Insomnia. A noted speaker recently addressed an audience of 25,000 people in the Crystal Palace, and was clearly heard by all. The physical effort involved, however, had a curious effect upon the speaker. "I was not conscious at the close of the service of any extraordinary exhaustion," he wrote, "yet I must have been very weary, for after I went to sleep on the Wednesday night I did not awaken until the Friday morning, sleeping all through Thursday."—Exchange.

Folding Stairs. Recently a stairway has been patented for reaching seldom used portions of buildings. It folds into a ceiling and is hidden by a panel when not in use.

THE SILVER LINING



For That Boys' CHRISTMAS A CROWN BICYCLE.

Downers Grove Garage
Phone 22.

with other local boys at Jacksonville, Fla. Buschman has joined the Balloon Squadron and is now attending the school at Ft. Omaha.

A Yeoman in the paymaster's office of the Navy is the berth Frank Bruns has picked for himself. Through the efforts of a former employer, now in the service, he was given this worthwhile job at the start.

John Dressler has enlisted as a carpenter in the Ordnance Division and left yesterday afternoon for service.

If there are any mistakes in our Honor Roll or if any soldier or sailor has been left out we want to know it. It is strictly up to the friends and relatives of men in the service to keep the list correct.

May Fever Pollens. The development of hay fever in any locality depends upon the atmospheric hay fever pollens increasing to a point which overcomes the resistance of the patient," says Doctor Scheppegrell. "It was ascertained that most of the spring and summer cases of hay fever are caused by the pollen of the grasses, although the pollen of other plants, such as the yellow dock, amaranth, goose foot, etc., may cause the attack or help to maintain it when set up by the grass pollens."

The entire muster roll will be printed next week to show the number and caliber of the men of the organization.

New Year's Eve Dance. The social committee of Co. H. has arranged a Military Dance for New Year's Eve. The affair will be held in Dicke's Hall and from present plans promises to be one of the big affairs of the season. Almost every member of the company has tickets for sale or they can be purchased at the Reporter Office.

Drill Sunday. Regular drill will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Library Hall is now headquarters and the men will meet here. Prospective recruits are invited to be there either Sunday afternoon or Monday evening at 8:00, the regular drill hours.

Liberty of the Lawmakers. Members of both houses of congress have the privilege of freedom of speech and debate in their respective houses. That is, only the house itself can call members to account for their utterances in that body. A senator or a representative cannot be prosecuted in the courts for libel or slander on account of any utterances in the house to which he belongs, or for the official publication of it.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

We take this opportunity of wishing our many friends and patrons A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Signed
B. E. KEHLER.