

COMPANY H HAD WEIRD BLIZZARD BATTALION DRILL

Members Scattered All Over "Q" in Effort to Get Home from Chicago and LaGrange

Company H, I. R. M. members will not soon forget last Friday night.

Orders were given that battalion drill would be held in the Second regiment armory on that night and many weird and wonderful adventures were experienced before they all reached home.

About half the company work in Chicago and did not come home going right to the armory from their places of business. These fellows, including Captain Balczynski and First Lieutenant Bennett went out to the rendezvous only to find that everything had been called off. About half the Hinsdale, LaGrange and Riverside men were in the same fix.

They went to the Union Depot in a body and stepped on the 9:47 train expecting to be tucked into their several beds in a few hours—but my, my, such a disappointment—the train arrived here at 2:00 with the thermometer anywhere from 15 to 20 below.

The boys played cards until they couldn't look a card in the face, they sang songs until the audience made threats of bodily injury and then they slept, that is some of them did.

The longest wait was near the Berwyn depot, where the train hit a drift that was there to stay apparently.

The engineer backed up and hit 'er running, but nothing doing. This back up and hit process was repeated over and over until the train was nearly down to Clyde, every time they'd back up and hit—it was a little nearer Chicago. Finally a big 5100 freight engine from the Clyde roundhouse was hooked on in the rear and with this additional help the string reached the Grove. This is an Aurora train and folks from west of here did not get home by rail until Sunday.

Members of the company who were to go in from here had orders to catch the 6:45. About forty assembled at the depot and when the train pulled up to the station here at 7:45 they climbed aboard. It pulled out and—reached Washington street where the dinky could not move it further. The engineer then backed down into the yards and took off three extra coaches which had been provided for Companies H, G, F, and E, and with the lighted load, proceeded.

At LaGrange orders were received that the drill was off and the militia boys unloaded only to be received by the announcement that a train would not run west until about 9:30 and this would be the 6:14 from Chicago which was stuck in a drift at Hawthorn.

Most of the company remained at the depot but some wandered around to play pool or have a bite to eat. These later, nine, Smith, Tholin, Johnstone, Timke, Erickson, Duncan, Gustafson, Dewey and Staats, were not at the station when the train rolled in about nine and consequently were left.

The problem then was to get home. The LaGrange agent (bless (?) his soul) blew into the depot at this juncture and informed the marooned that the train west had hit a drift at Western Springs, that it could not

move, and that there would be no more trains west that night.

After a council of war seven were in favor of walking to Western Springs and joining the bunch. In the face of the worst blizzard ever seen they started west and when a little beyond the Stone avenue station the drifts alongside the right of way became waist deep, three, Timke, Johnstone and Dewey, dropped out.

The other four, Gustafson, Erickson, Duncan and Staats kept on and arrived at Western Springs after an uneventful walk with the exception of pulling Erickson out of a ten foot drift after a roll down the embankment, only to find that no train was stalled at this point and none in sight.

They were sitting in the depot bemoaning their fate and the fact that not even hot coffee and sandwiches were to be had at that hour of the night when a "friend indeed" came to their rescue. This angel in disguise was one Ed. Dougherty, a young fellow entirely a stranger, who, out of the kindness of his heart, invited the boys to his home. Once there a fire was quickly lighted in the grate and hot tea and gingerbread set before the storm bound boys.

After a complete thawing out Erickson phoned Wm. Osborne, night agent here, who volunteered the cheering news that "a train had started from Chicago and was then battling with drifts near Berwyn, and the best thing to do would be to go to the depot and keep all eyes open, and grab it when it came along." This advice was acted upon despite the protests of Dougherty who wanted the fellows to spend the night. A little "Q" coal was used at the depot in an effort to keep warm and about one o'clock the train came in amid a flurry of snow.

Staats, in his hurry to catch the train, left his hat in the depot and no trace has yet been heard from it. The shout of welcome that greeted the boys as they hove in the offing, told them they were among friends and it was, in fact, the train the boys were on who had stayed in Chicago.

Smith, Tholin and Johnstone caught the train at LaGrange, Dewey and Timke spending the night in a hotel.

The only incident that marked the rest of the journey was a lost East Grove. The snow was so blinding the engineer could not see the station.

WHY BUY AT HOME?

I BUY AT HOME:

BECAUSE my interests are here.

BECAUSE by helping others I help myself.

BECAUSE I believe in transacting business with my friends.

BECAUSE the community which is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in.

BECAUSE money spent away from home seldom, if ever, returns.

BECAUSE the man I buy from pays his part of the local improvements, county and local entertainment enjoyed by myself and family.

BECAUSE the man I buy from helps support my schools, my church, my lodge, my home.

BECAUSE when ill luck or misfortune comes I go to my home man for sympathy, encouragement and even financial aid and credit if necessary.

BECAUSE all things being equal it is my duty to encourage home industries.

MOTHERS CLUB TO TALK FOOD CONSERVATION

Will Hold Regular Monthly Meeting Next Tuesday Afternoon January 22.

The Mother's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on the afternoon of January 22, at 2:30, at the Kindergarten.

The program which will be devoted to Food Conservation, will be opened by Dr. Jenness, whose summers experience and personal acquaintance with Mr. Hoover render him an authority on the subject. He will tell us just what the Government expects of the home-keepers of the country along these lines.

The talk will be informal and followed by a discussion, and each one present will be requested to add to the fund of information by giving her experience in helping to win the war in her own kitchen.

Mrs. W. S. Smith of Hinsdale will be a guest of the club, and will tell of the recent Food Show at the Coliseum which was held under the auspices of the State Council of Defense. Tea and war cake will be served.

The fact that you are not a member of the Club need not bar you from being present and benefitting by this timely and helpful program.

WANTED—COLT OR SMITH & WESSEN "GATS"

Company H in Need of Small Arms to Properly Equip Sergeants and Officers

B. E. Balczynski, commanding Company H, Illinois Reserve Militia, has issued a call for Colt or Smith & Wessen revolvers to be loaned the company for the term of duty.

The caliber should be .38 and barrel five and one half or six inches long. This is the standard arm used in the Spanish-American war.

The "gats" are to be used for the proper equipping of the Sergeants and Officers of the company to bring them up to standard. In LaGrange, Hinsdale and villages east, enough small arms have been loaned so that it was not necessary to purchase any.

Downers Grove residents having in their possession a gun such as described above will be doing a patriotic duty and helping out the company by loaning it. They should be turned over to Quartermaster-Sergeant, W. H. Eichelman, who will give a proper receipt.

Easily Understood. The story that is different always does better than the story that is different.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

CHURCH NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Downers Grove churches did not wait until the drastic order from Washington made coal conservation compulsory.

While churches are not included in Dr. Garfield's order, our churches are glad to do their bit voluntarily. The twenty-five tons of coal they expect to save may not seem very important but it represents their willingness to do all they can.

Last Sunday's good turn out was Downers Grove's answer to this new challenge of the churches.

The union service next Sunday evening will be held in the Methodist church. Rev. P. G. Nuffer will be the preacher. Music under the auspices of Methodist and Evangelical choirs.

The two-group plan will be in full operation next Sunday. All services will be held in the Methodist and Congregational churches.

Baptist-Congregational Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., joint service at 11:00. Rev. Ira M. Grey will preach on the subject, "Christian Cooperation." Union Young People's Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Union Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Subject: "The True Spirit of the Christian Worker." Rev. Norman G. Oliver will lead. Congregational Juniors will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:45; the Baptist Juniors, Wednesday at the same hour. Joint choir practice, Friday evening, 7:45.

Evangelical-Methodist Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., joint service at 11:00. Dr. Jenness will preach. Union Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Union Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00. Junior Meeting Wednesday at 3:45 p. m.

Remember, that all services of Evangelical-Methodist churches will be held in the Methodist church. All services of the Baptist-Congregational churches will be held in the Congregational church.

Don't forget that the following five churches have one union meeting every Sunday night: Baptist, Congregational, Evangelical, Methodist and St. Paul's Evangelical. Next Sunday evening, in Methodist church.

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln.

To keep steady amidst the turbulence of the hour, to overcome the miserable pessimism that would poison hope, to rise above the littleness and pettiness of a narrow, selfish life, to hold fast to the tried and proved realities of the spiritual world, every man must have the help that comes from God.

Downers Grove Merchants—Downers Grove people read the Downers Grove Reporter, you are trying to sell goods to these people—A personal letter to each of our subscribers each week in our advertising columns would increase your business—Investigate.

What's the Use? It's mighty hard to live with folks who don't enjoy living, and there's no use trying to give people the kind of truth they aren't used to.

COUNTY NOW HAS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FOR 'TB'

Miss L. D. Mahin, R. N., Employed to Act in Cases of Dreaded White Plague.

It is to the credit of DuPage County that with the New Year she enlisted in the Public Health movement which is sweeping not only through the State of Illinois, but through the whole United States as well.

Simultaneous with the realization, by prominent and public spirited citizens in the County, of the need of a County organization for the prevention of tuberculosis and the care of tuberculosis people came the appointment of a County Chairman in connection with the Tuberculosis War Problem Committee.

The appointment of Dr. Walter L. Migely to this office and the subsequent appointment of a County sub-committee by him provided the county organization desired.

Through the interest and the co-operation of the County Supervisors this County Committee has been enabled to employ a public health nurse for DuPage County.

Miss Lillian Mahin, formerly of the field nursing staff of the Illinois Tuberculosis Society has been secured for the work in the County. Miss Mahin began her work on January 1, 1918, and will reside in Wheaton.

She will be grateful for the report to her of any case needing attention whether from a citizen or physician. However, no calls will be made without consultation with attending physician.

The emphasis of the work will be placed upon the tuberculosis problem but tuberculosis and public health being so closely allied that almost any effort to improve the public health of a community tends to prevent tuberculosis. A general program for disease prevention will be carried out.

DuPage County is surely to be commended in this new endeavor for the welfare of her citizens. The success of the work must depend largely upon the interest and co-operation of every individual in the County.

If great insurance companies are finding it to their advantage to keep their policy holders well by periodic examinations, health instructions, nipping incipient ailments, and sending visiting nurses to those who need their help, surely our governmental health service in the form of local, state and national health departments has a far greater motive for prevention.

Wanted Company. Professor (in chem. lab.)—This is a very explosive substance and it might blow us all sky-high. Come closer, gentlemen, so you may be better able to follow me.

What Patriotism is. "Patriotism," said Uncle Eben, "is what makes a man glad he's 'n' proud of where he's 'n' an' able to explain why he's livin'."

Silences the Buzzing. An attachment for telephone receivers which silences all the buzzing, whirring and jarring noises has been invented by a Dutch engineer.

Breaking Into the Society Column



RED CROSS NOTES

Local Branch Will Furnish Comfort Kits to Local Boys Who Have Not Been Supplied

Some of the Downers Grove boys who have enlisted in various branches of the army and navy have not received the complete set of knitted articles and the comfort kits furnished by the local Red Cross branch. If the mothers, fathers or other relatives of these boys will notify Mrs. J. P. MacDonald, giving names and addresses, the outfits will be sent at once. This can be done by phone. Mrs. MacDonald's number is 132-J.

BOY SCOUT NOTES

Reorganized Troop has Elected Officers and Expects a Good Year for Nineteen Eighteen

The Downers Grove troop of Boy Scouts has been reorganized under the leadership of Harvey Drew, who succeeds Walter Johnstone as scoutmaster. Mr. Johnstone is now in the Government service at Washington. The troop has elected Madison Willis, Scribe; Karl Kellogg, Assistant Scribe; Paul Prickett, "Bud" Smith and Karl Kellogg, patrol leaders. Leo Rogers is acting assistant Scout-Master.

Under the above leadership the boys expect to make good progress during 1918. They are now studying signaling and are just taking up "first aid to the injured" work. The motto of the Boy Scouts is, "be prepared" and the Downers Grove troop hopes and expects to live up to that motto.

The Boy Scout organization is one of the best if not the best, organization in existence today for the development of our nation's boyhood, and deserves the hearty support of every citizen of our country.

The Downers Grove troop solicits the moral support of the people of Downers Grove. The troop desires to thank Mrs. O'Neill for the \$5.00 contribution for the scout work. The boys will undoubtedly use it wisely.

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational church parlours at 7:30 Friday evening. Every scout should be there or give a good excuse for his absence.

Madison Willis, Scribe.

20 BELOW ZERO

At five o'clock this morning the temperature here was twenty below the zero mark. This is a continuation of the real winter weather which has had Illinois in its grip since late November.

A winter like this one, with its continued cold and snow, has almost no precedent in the annals of the Chicago weather bureau. Unless the weather moderates soon there will be a great deal of suffering for want of fuel. In this cold cold disappears almost as fast as a snowball in the domains provided over by his Satanic Majesty.

ADVERTISE IN THE REPORTER!

Garage Garage advertisement with logo and text: Don't Pass By This Garage! JUST STEER YOUR CAR IN HERE! If your troublesome motors with us you lodge, your troubles will disappear! Coming or Going, Forward or Backward, You'll Find Us The Same Old Reliable GARAGE GARAGE ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE FOR EXPERT REPAIRING RELIABLE SUPPLIES—DEPENDABLE ACCESSORIES—GASOLINE—OILS—TIRES—OXY-ACETYLENE WELDING STORAGE AT REASONABLE RATES BATTERIES RECHARGED & REPAIRED DOWNERS GROVE GARAGE PHONE 22—DOWNERS GROVE, ILL.

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