

BOYS TOLD EXPERIENCES AT FIRST WELCOME

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ing to blow up these valuable shells the German aeroplanes would make almost nightly bombing raids, dropping their TNT within yards of the dugouts occupied by Gardiner and others of the company. His talk was very interesting and the applause which followed it showed how interested his hearers had been.

Foreign service of still another kind was told by Sergeant McElroy. His service was with a bombing and manufacturing branch of the Aero Corps. He was stationed in England at a park where the huge Handley-Page bombers were assembled and fitted with engines of 450 horse power, from two to four engines to a plane. McElroy served on one of the planes that bombed Ostend in one of the most spectacular incidents of the war. It was when Ostend was the home port of the German subs and England from the sea, Belgium from the earth and the United States from the air gave the Jerries some anxious moments as they showered the town with explosives of all kinds. On this trip over five tons of bombs were carried by the airship on which McElroy was a member of the crew.

Cecil J. Miley, a member of the Marine Corps, home on furlough, told of the hard days of drill gone thru by the "devil dogs" that make them the greatest soldiers in the world. He said they are taught at all times to uphold their name, given them by the pick of the German army whom units of this famous fighting force defeated in more than one battle of the war.

Jay M. Allison told why "they are wider at the bottom." As a member of the navy he was in training at the Ensign school at the Great Lakes when the armistice was signed and like a great many others never saw salt water, but he came gallantly to the rescue of the Navy in his closing sentence when he said, "Yes, the Army did wonder but if it hadn't been for the Navy, they would still be on this side gnashing their teeth.

Raymond Schultz, formerly a member of the Northwestern College unit of the S. A. T. C. told of the delights of army life in his organization, the "Snuggle A Trifle Closer."

Lieutenant Harper Hibbe, with deep feeling, related the delights of K. P. and squads east and west, building roads and hiking, while "studying" in a Medical Officers Training Camp for a commission. He finally landed the, which tells wonders of his staying powers.

Everyone of the speakers seemed to have forgotten the rough sides of the army and navy game, the trials and incidents that make it a hard life and the boys talked with a lack of that self consciousness so usual to those not used to facing audiences.

The next welcome meeting will be held on Friday evening, February 21st and where and the program will be announced later. They will be held every month until all the boys are home, when a monster mass meeting with eats 'n everything, will be held. Following is a resolution, printed on the programs for last Friday, which was adopted unanimously by the Community Welfare League of Downers Grove in appreciation of the loyalty and valor of our boys.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: A mighty nation proud in its power, cruel and heartless in its treatment of weaker people has been defeated by the combined forces of those nations which stand for the common ideals of democracy and justice;

And, Whereas: In that conflict the United States of America has borne its share fighting for justice and humanity against autoocracy and all its evils;

And Whereas: This community in the persons of those sons who enlisted in the service of the nation, has done its part in aiding to put down the power of the war lord and his cohorts;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we, the members of the Community Welfare League of Downers Grove do hereby express our admiration and our trust in those brave men who have gone out from among us to fight for the ideals of right and justice; that we hold in grateful remembrance those who dared death in the great adventure; that we mourn those who went from us never to return, but as we mourn we hold their memory dear; that we rejoice in the deeds of our brave boys who in the trenches on the battlefields, on shipboard and in the air upheld the glory of our country and our flag, and that we appreciate the services of those who having donned the khaki or the blue could not through force of circumstances reach the front.

John F. Kidwell, President of the Community Welfare League of Downers Grove.

LAUING - RUTTER

Miss Myra Lauing, of LaGrange, and Mr. George C. Rutter of Downers Grove, were quietly married at the home of the bride in LaGrange, Saturday evening, January 18th.

They will make their home here with the groom's mother.

NOTICE

As Mrs. F. LeBlanc is closing my accounts I would appreciate a prompt settlement in her favor and wish to thank you sincerely for past patronage.

Dr. F. LeBlanc.

LOCAL ARTIST WINS PRAISE FROM CRITICS

Mrs. Eda Nemoede Casterton Won Highest Award at the Panama-Pacific Exposition

Among the artists Downers Grove is known as a painable country and now that a miniaturist is living among us we may look for the days when the village will be to Chicago what Barbison is to Paris—a place to live in as well as to sketch.

Eda Nemoede Casterton is a pupil of the late Virginia Reynolds and studied under Ralph Clarkson and La-ton

"The head of Martin Kimbell by Eda Nemoede is one of the best of the contributions and demands special attention. It is so large in conception, so thoroughly simple in the rendering and so impressively just in construction as to hold the spectator, yet it covers but a few inches of space. Good art this and worthy the best traditions of miniature work."

Mr. Lawton Parker, eminent as critic and painter says, "There are miles of miniatures in the French salon every year that will not compare with the best Miss Nemoede has done."

In a recent issue of the Chicago Evening Post the art critic says: "Eda Nemoede Casterton has just executed a miniature portrait on ivory of the Japanese prima donna, Tamaki Miura, the Madam Butterfly of the Chicago Grand Opera Company. In personality and in charm as well as in likeness to this attractive singer, Mr. Casterton has achieved an artistic success."



Parker, and previous to going to Europe was instructor in the Academy of Fine Arts. The year 1907 to 1908 Mrs. Casterton spent in Paris and was awarded a First Honorable Mention at the Internationale Art Union. Other pictures, exhibited there and at the Salon, the French critics said that they were "exceptional in style and brilliant in execution," and expressed surprise at the fact that they had been painted in Chicago under the teaching of painters of this country.

Mrs. Casterton is a regular contributor to the exhibitions and of her work the International Studio says:

Mr. and Mrs. Casterton recently came to Downers Grove from Oak Park and have bought the old Baker homestead at 200 South Washington street. Her studio is in the Fine Arts Building, Chicago.

The miniature herewith reproduced is a portrait of Miss Pauline Bachelder. This picture was greatly admired at the Panama-Pacific exposition and obtained the highest award made to miniatures, west of Philadelphia. Mrs. Casterton will exhibit at the Art Institute next month at the annual exhibition of Chicago artists and the miniature society.

LOCAL COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS, ELECTED OFFICERS

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accede to the boys and the town and agreed to excuse Mr. O'Neill from troop work whenever necessary.

Mr. O'Neill started with six boys and in a few months his quota was full and applications are on file now in both troops. The Scouts have made good progress in moral training and seamstress and have reached the point where more advanced and better work can be accomplished under the guidance of Scout Executive Bingham of Hinsdale and his assistant, Robert Miller.

The officials of the local council have kept in touch with the larger association and on the 20th the Chicago West Suburban District Council, Boy Scouts of America, voted to amend their charter by including therein, the town of Downers Grove and this amendment has been approved by the National Council. No contributions have been made by the local council during 1918 to the district council but beginning with the present year we expect to make a quarterly contribution to maintain our standing of progress and advancement with the other towns. Our progress has been noted and the results obtained commended by officials of the National Council.

The troops have plans of entertainment and work for the future which will be announced as we come to them and such as would not have been expected a year ago. Watch the work! Watch the boys! If you are not a contributing member of the Council get in touch with the 1st Vice-President. He has made some of the best men in town happy, including the Editor, and the Scouts all appreciate the loyal support the Reporter has given.

The boys appreciate the moral and financial aid the citizens have given them and their future work and demonstrations we most heartily believe will show the appreciation.

This week both troops took lessons

in first aid work under local physicians. Next week the troops will join in their meeting and beside the other work Mr. W. B. Towlesley will give them a short address on "Boys in Business."

Troop No. 2 is receiving military drilling by W. F. Heintz; mapping by Leo Rogers and signalling by Ted Curtiss.

Some of the Scouts from Troop No. 1 went to Chicago Saturday and tried swimming at the Central Y. M. C. A. Only Scout O'Neill was able to swim sufficient distance to qualify for merit.

Scout Donald Towlesley has a list of nine Scouts of his troop who are ready to take odd jobs to earn money for a uniform. This employment aid branch is a new idea deserving special credits and co-operation.

THANKS THOSE CONCERNED FOR HELP AT FIRE

Mr. C. H. Staats, Editor, Reporter, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Dear Sir: Last Friday noon we came very near having a very serious fire at our place, and it was only prevented from being such by the prompt response of the local Fire Department.

The alarm was handled promptly by both the telephone operator and the engineer at the water works and within ten minutes from the turning in of the alarm; the department was on the job with fire extinguishers, and with these and plenty of water the blaze was soon out.

I wish to thank each and all who helped in this quick work. It is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly, F. J. Littleford.

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XMAS COMMITTEE MADE FINAL CELEBRATION REPORT

An echo of the community Christmas celebration was heard last Monday evening when the committee which arranged and carried to completion the plans for the Christmas tree met and listened to the reports of the chairmen of the various sub committees. The treasurer's report showed that one hundred and ninety four dollars was raised to defray the expenses of the tree and the pageant and that a balance of \$69.60 remained in the treasury as the start of a fund for another Christmas celebration.

The report of the chairman of the program committee, Miss E. L. Troy went into details of how the pageant was staged. The report of the committee on music told of the difficulty

in drilling the chorus by reason of the prevalence of the flu.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the Community Christmas Celebration should be made a permanent feature in the life of the village.

It was also decided that instead of continuing the present organization a re-organization committee be selected to keep alive the Christmas spirit and to call a meeting next fall in ample time to prepare for an even better Christmas celebration.

The continuing committee selected was: Chairman, B. C. Downes, Miss E. L. Troy, Mrs. T. F. Kelley, Walter Curtis and Dr. E. B. Goodwin.

The meeting was held in the South Side school house, Rev. Ralph K. Schwab, general chairman of the community Christmas committee, presiding.

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