

## LOCAL KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO ENTERTAIN CO. H.

Food, Cigars and Other Things Donated by Members of Order Next Wednesday.

Maple Grove Lodge, No. 529, Knights of Pythias have issued an invitation to Company H, Second Infantry, I. R. M. to be present at a stag entertainment and smoker to be held at Zindt's Hall next Wednesday evening. Captain B. E. Balczynski on behalf of the company has accepted the invitation.

The members of the local K. of P. Lodge are very much interested in the affair and are working to make it a success. In the past they have been among the best entertainers in the village and Co. H. can look forward to a good time.

Among the donors to the events of the evening we find grand old Levi Werts, one of the old standbys and workers of the lodge who promises to furnish "all the cigars the boys can smoke." C. E. "Dad" Bertolin will act as chef, a department in which he is at home. D. H. Uhlhorn will supply the milk and J. W. Nash has offered the famous White House coffee to which L. L. Chevalier has added the trimmings from sweet to sour. H. O. Sutter and Sam Hoffert though running rival blacksmith shops they have come together in the furnishing of an edible much talked about at Company H meetings—"sinkers."

The entertainment committee, Stanley E. Jones, Levi Werts and Fred Heitka, urge every member of the I. R. M. and V. T. C. and every K. of P. to be present on this evening.

Appreciating the hard and patriotic service the members of Co. H. are giving for home and country they are doing this as a small acknowledgment, according to the officers of the organization.

## CO. H. SECOND INFANTRY I. R. M. MILITARY EUCHE PARTY

Company H, Second Infantry Illinois Reserve Militia is arranging a Military Euchre party for the evening of Saturday, February 9, at Library Hall. The company needs more equipment and the treasury is low because of the great drain through the purchase of uniforms and overcoats to say nothing of the need of funds for ammunition for target practice which will begin soon.

Invitations are in the hands of the company members and the support of the citizens of the village whether they belong to Company H or not is needed.

One pass plus an invitation will enable self and lady to attend the affair. Those unlearned in Spanish will doubtless appreciate the information that "one pass" for the purpose of the military euchre party means "one dollar," a modest enough price when the object, the outfitting of the local militia company is considered.

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## O. E. S. REFUGEE RELIEF WORK

Vesta Chapter, No. 242, O. E. S. has organized the entire lodge to help in the work of the Red Cross.

One of the several committees appointed here has taken up the "Refugee Relief Work" as their portion of the great burden. This work consists in collecting as much clothing as possible to send to the destitute in Belgium, France and other devastated countries.

A barrel has been placed in the rear hall of the Farmers & Merchants bank by this committee to receive all such contributions from anyone in the village. Clothing for men, women, children and infants will be most acceptable. Ready to wear garments, material from which garments can be made, clothing suitable to be made over for children, children and infants outgrown shoes, etc., any or all of these can be deposited in the barrel and will be sent where they will do unestimable good. The only stipulation from headquarters was, everything must be clean.

The work of this committee will be in co-operation with our local Red Cross branch and the collection will be sent through that source.

The Order of the Eastern Star is making an effort to do all the war work possible and is urging its members everywhere to assist.

F. L. Stewart, Chairman.

## FAMILY REUNION AND BANQUET

Mrs. Augusta L. Simpson entertained her children at a family reunion at the home of her son, Fred, on Highland avenue, last Sunday. The children present were: H. S. Simpson, of Chicago, T. S. Simpson, of Elmhurst, Geo. H. Simpson, of Wheaton, and F. W. Simpson and Mrs. Grace Safford, of Downers Grove.

In the evening the family went to the Central Hotel where a banquet was given by H. S. Simpson of Chicago, in honor of his son, Richard, an Army man soon to go "over there." He was on a furlough from Menlo Park, California, where his regiment is stationed.

At the banquet covers were set for twenty-two and a very jolly time was enjoyed by the Simpson family in this farewell party for one of them.

## EDITING A NEWSPAPER

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## MACCABEES INSTALLED OFFICERS

The ladies of the Maccabees held their annual installation of officers at Zindt's Hall Friday evening.

The following were installed for the ensuing year:

Past Commander—Mrs. Cora Blodgett.  
Commander—Mrs. Mary Collier  
Lieutenant Commander—Mrs. Freda Dicke

Finance Auditor—Mrs. Catherine Chevalier  
Record Keeper—Mrs. Lavara Hannum

Lady at Arms—Miss Tillie Vix  
Chaplain—Mrs. Minnie Heintz  
Sergeant—Miss Lucy Smith  
Scentinel—Mrs. John Zell  
Picket—Mrs. M. Wimmer  
Pianist—Miss Helen Zell  
Captain of Guards—Mrs. Lena Hoffert

After the business of the evening was over refreshments were served.

## Height of Clouds Varies.

Thunderstorm clouds are very variable in height—from 500 to 2,000 feet. The clouds in thunderstorms may be very deep—from two to five miles and close—hence the appearance as to distance is very deceptive. Cumulus clouds are intermediate, and generally occupy a position from 2,000 to 5,000 feet above the earth.

## LOCAL BOYS NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE?

Last night Chicago American raised the interesting conjecture that the "Rainbow Division," consisting of National Guard regiments from twenty-eight states, was now seeing active service in France.

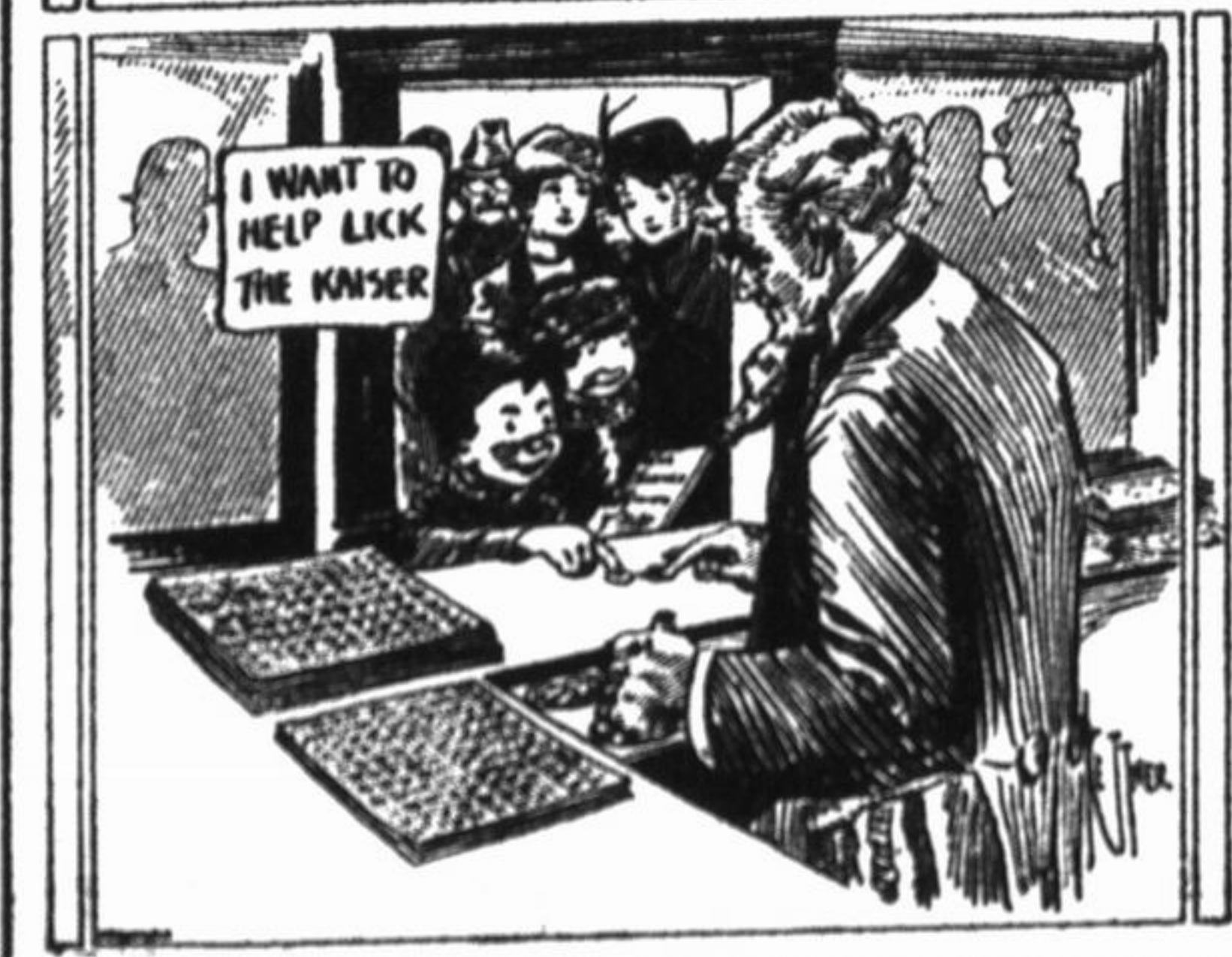
If this is true it vitally concerns relatives and the many friends of eight local boys with one of the artillery regiments of this division. There is a big possibility that this division is now in active service as they have been over long enough to get the required training behind the lines.

The following boys are in this division: Stewart and Alex Burns, Fred Edwards, Grant Nash, Chester Hall, Gilbert Lacey, Myron Towsley and Frederick Sacksteder. Four other local boys are also members of the same regiment but are on detached duty in this country. They are, Sam Bertolin, Dwight Cox, George Nargney and Harry Grant.

## Potash From Dust.

It has been discovered that large quantities of the dust that accumulates in certain portions of the apparatus used in making pig iron from iron ores—that is, in the blast furnaces—contains appreciable quantities of potash. The amount found depends on the kind of ore used in the blast furnace charge.

## Thrift Stamps



## COMMUNITY LEAGUE MET FRIDAY

The Community Welfare League met last Friday night at Library hall on a call from the chair.

Very interesting reports were read by the chairmen of the various departments. Probably the most interesting was the one of Chas. Mochel who told of the potato venture of last summer. That it was a paying proposition cannot be denied. Over ninety dollars clear of all expense was turned over to the treasurer.

Another interesting report was that of Mrs. J. P. MacDonald who was chairman of the Workers for the Red Cross and since has been elected president of the Downers Grove branch affiliated with the National organization through the Chicago chapter. She gave a detailed statement of all articles completed by patriotic Downers Grove women in both the knitting and sewing departments. Her report also told of the number of comfort kits which had been supplied to Downers Grove boys. Mrs. MacDonald asked the co-operation of those present in getting the names and addresses of local boys who have not yet been supplied with kits or complete knitted sets, so this can be done.

J. W. Hughes, chairman of the Finance Committee, will line up a speaker from the State Council of Defense who will address a public meeting in the near future. He will explain the new scheme of doing collecting for all war work through one committee in each community. The date, time and place of this meeting will be announced later.

The next meeting of the League will be the annual one for election of officers and appointment of committees and department heads. This meeting will be held at Library Hall the last Saturday evening in February, the 23rd, in which every resident of the village should participate.

## Names That Signify Nothing.

Really, what is in a name? Irish stew is little known in Ireland; Roman candles did not originate in Rome; what is known in baseball parlance as a "Texas Leaguer" happens in as many games played outside of the Texas league as those played in it; the Irish daisy is in reality a dandelion; Netherlanders don't make it a custom to pay for their own refreshments while eating and drinking with friends, and thereby make constant what is known as a "Dutch Treat." And so on, for infinite examples.

## COAL SHORTAGE BROKEN

One day last week there was a smile a yard wide on the face of Charles Mochel who for some days had worn a somewhat clouded countenance. The reason for the smile which illumined the piz of our worthy townsman was the arrival of several cars of coal. Not all of them were consigned to him but that did not dim the smile nor lessen the joy with which he greeted the black diamonds. For he it known to all and sundry the coal came in answer to his repeated appeals to the State Fuel Administration, that Downers Grove coal bins should not be empty. Levi too shared in the gladness as did all the other coal dealers and coal users in the village.

While that subject is uppermost—the feelings of the merchants—it may not be out of place to suggest that there are quite a few public spirited merchants in the village. Men who look beyond mere trade and barter and really try to help their customers and townsmen.

The present time with its scarcity of different commodities such as sugar and flour, eggs and other necessities has demonstrated that our merchants are looking after our interests. They have cheerfully obeyed all the orders of the food administration. They have been fair and above board in apportioning the scanty supply of sugar which they are permitted to receive and their prices are not risen with the scarcity of the articles disposed of.

It is customary to growl once in a while about the retail dealers in the home town—but just for this week anyway let us forget the growl, think how much better it is to have obliging storekeepers to deal with in these days of storm and scarcity than to trust to the mail order house with its delayed delivery.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our many friends for their sympathy and kindness in our recent bereavement and also for the beautiful flowers we received.

Our thanks are especially due to Mr. and Mrs. Casterton for the great privilege of having the funeral services held at the old home of the aged Father in the house he built and occupied with his family for many years and which he loved so dearly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baker.

## CHURCH NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The true-ringing messages heard in our churches last Sunday and every Sunday, mean much in their quickening influence upon our common life.

Few towns our size are privileged to hear such fine singing as our choirs are giving us Sunday by Sunday.

Some people don't wake up to their opportunities until it is too late. "If I only had," is poor consolation at the end of life's day.

Come early and get a seat at the union service next Sunday evening. St. Paul's (Grove st.) church is the place. Mr. Oliver will be the speaker. The hour is 7:30.

The live young people's meeting will be held at the same place at 6:30. Mr. Grey will be the leader.

The morning program of the Evangelical-Methodist group starts at 9:45, with the joint Sunday school session. All scholars be on hand promptly. Morning service at 11:00. Dr. Jenner will preach. Remember the prayer meeting next Wednesday evening.

The Baptist-Congregational Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Primaries and beginners meet at Library hall. Morning service at 11:00 Mr. Grey will preach on the subject, "The Practice of Prayer." Union prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Subject "The Disciples Winning Others."

The Baptist-Congregational Juniors' meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 3:45. Mrs. Feasley and Mrs. Schwedler, superintendents.

It's a long stretch between Sundays without a midweek stop for refreshments. The prayer meeting is the Half-Way House for spiritual travelers. Helps to make the journey easier and more worth while.

"Discouragement, one of the great human enemies, comes most frequently from within, and causes more people to fail in life than almost any other thing."

"Just where I am, O let me be  
A faithful witness, Lord, for Thee.  
While others seek a wider sphere,  
O keep me faithful, Lord, just here."

## MRS. SOL GERWIG

Mrs. Sol Gerwig of Chicago died Monday afternoon after two years of sickness. The last year she spent at the home and under the efficient care of Mrs. Mary Diener where she passed away with her husband at the bedside.

Mrs. Gerwig was the twin sister of Mrs. J. L. Lehmann and leaves to mourn her loss her husband, three children, Anna Walter and Lester, besides two other sisters, Miss Amelia Mohr and Mrs. Emma Heintz and two brothers, John and Henry Mohr, all of Chicago.

A short funeral service was held at the home of Mrs. Diener yesterday morning and the body taken to Chicago where she was laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery.

Mrs. Gerwig was born in Chicago July 18, 1867 and was married thirty years ago.

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## 626 ARTICLES IN LAST SHIPMENT TO CHICAGO CHAPTER

Various Activities Show Local Red Cross Branch is Always Working and "On the Job"

Six hundred and twenty six articles were shipped to the Chicago chapter of the Red Cross by the Downers Grove branch last week. Two boxes were sent, one of knitted articles and the other of sewed garments.

The products of women's work committee were: 40 bed shirts, 10 undershirts, 35 undershirts, 30 convalescent gowns, 15 bed coats, 3 pairs of pajamas, 10 pairs of bed socks, 30 pairs of hospital leggings and 19 dozen towels.

The knitters shipment consisted of 84 sweaters, 44 pairs of socks, 23 hosiery, 10 pairs of wristlets and two trench caps.

Besides sending in these things the workers have supplied all of the Downers Grove boys that enlisted in December with complete knitted sets.

The junior auxiliary, consisting of school students, has also made a shipment of 415 articles. These go to the allied relief.

The junior auxiliary is still collecting kid gloves and tin foil. The gloves will be used for lining aviators suits and the tin foil will be sold and the proceeds turned over to the French relief.

An auxiliary of the Downers Grove branch has been organized at Cass and has begun work.

The Congregational church Ladies Aid Society is now devoting the first Thursday of each month to Red Cross work.

Big shipments of yarn and cut hospital garments ready for sewing have been received and again a call has gone forth for more workers. The branch has a requisition in for more garments to sew so the railway tie-up will not cause further suspensions of work.

The second weeks card parties that have been instituted to raise \$100 for the Downers Grove branch were played this week. Mrs. W. King Bush entertained Mrs. Will Blodgett, Mrs. Howard P. Jones and Mrs. Ed Huntington. Mrs. H. E. Wright entertained Mrs. J. W. Hughes, Mrs. E. J. Matson and Mrs. T. M. Campbell. Mrs. J.P. MacDonald entertained Miss Fannie Stewart, Mrs. L. B. Wells and Mrs. J. Peckin. Mrs. C. W. Van Beynum entertained Mrs. Leo Beideman, Mrs. Ralph Gainer and Miss Nettie Kiel.

A regular meeting of the executive board of the local branch will be held Tuesday evening, February 5th.

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