

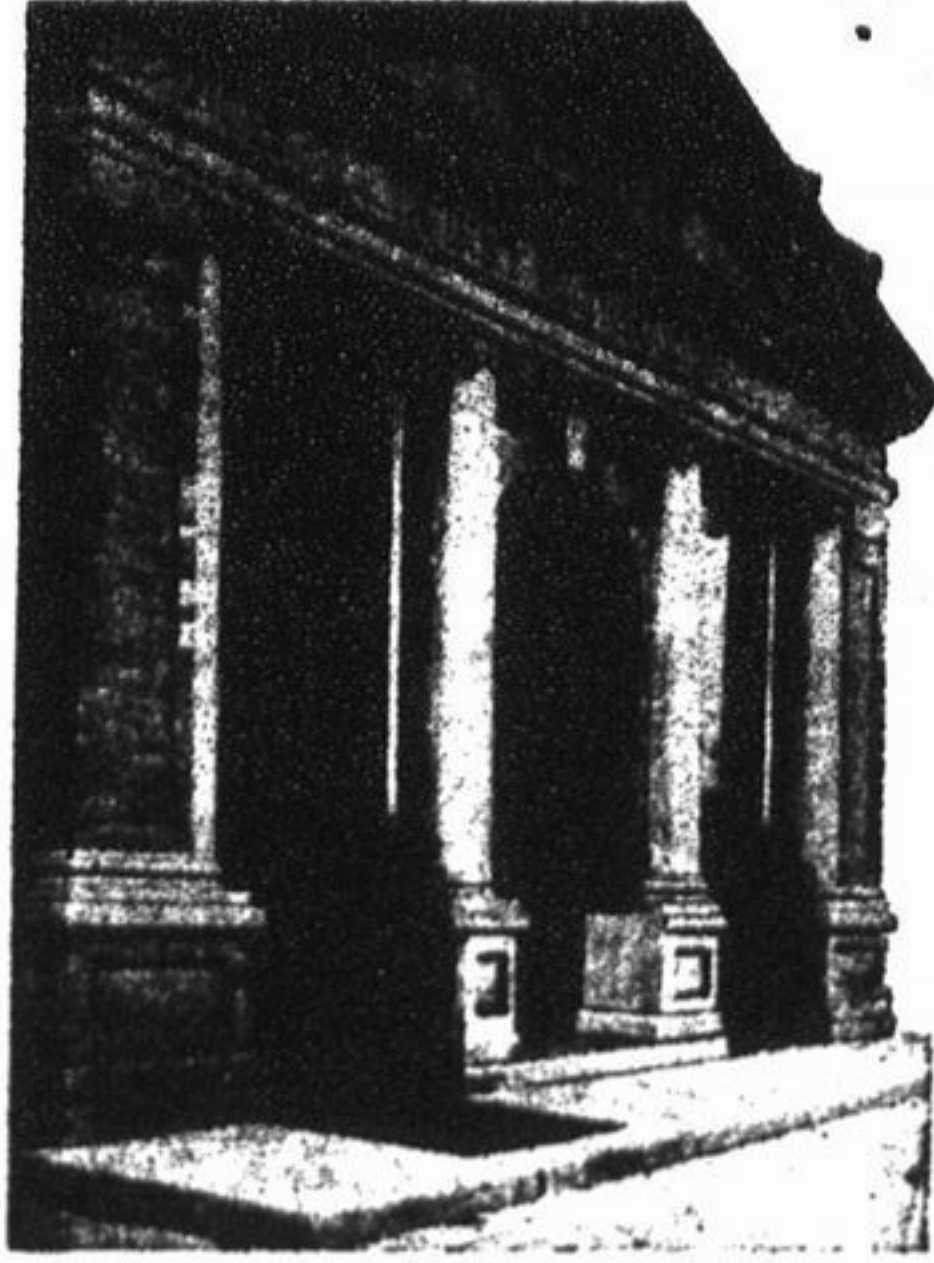
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WHOLE NO. 1774



Your Family's Welfare

depends upon your ability to **save** more than upon your ability to **earn**.

When trouble or adversity comes upon you, what you have earned does not count—it is what you have saved and have on hand for immediate use that is all important.

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JOINT CONGREGATIONS HEAR BISHOP SPRENG

Evangelical Church Crowded as Venerable Preacher Delivers Great Message.

Seldom has the call to the higher life been more clearly, more pungently or more persuasively presented to a Downers Grove audience than was the case last Sunday evening when Bishop S. P. Spreng, of the Evangelical Association, preached before a crowded congregation at the Evangelical church. Representatives of the various churches co-operating in the Sunday evening union effort composed the congregation. For sustained interest, for religious fervor and for a sense of spiritual uplift, the service marked a climax in the series now in progress. What such gatherings as these mean to the life of this community cannot be estimated. Their value is incalculable.

Bishop Spreng spoke upon "The Culture of the Spiritual Life," taking for his text 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Laying his foundation in the realm of biology with which we are familiar, the speaker showed how the same laws which operate in animate nature have their highest counter parts in the realm of the spiritual. Life comes from life, and only from life. No effort to produce life by any chemical process has ever succeeded. Life always presupposes antecedent life. Thus spiritual life, eternal life, is a gift which must come from the Source of Life, which is God. But while we cannot create life, it is in our power to develop life, once we possess it. Plenty of proper food, exercise, cleanliness, and rest insure healthy development for the human body. Similarly, a healthy growth of spirit is assured when the spiritual conditions are met. We must assimilate the Word of God. Nothing else will do as a substitute, not even the best secular reading. We must be zealous of good works also, in order that our spiritual diet may be transmuted into spiritual muscle and fiber. A clean life also is essential. The bacteria of sin, of moral infection, must be antiseptically treated by Divine agency. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin," continued the Bishop. And the soul must know the rest which comes by faith in God, the repose which keeps out worry and needless fretting. The Bishop closed his sermon with a peroration which for descriptive beauty and simplicity could hardly have been surpassed, painting the quiet and gentle process of the unfolding of a rose bud in response to the influence of sun and dew and stars. Those who were so fortunate as to hear this sermon will long feel the benediction of it.

A beautiful anthem was given by the joint choirs of the Evangelical-Methodist group, under the leadership of Mrs. J. F. Jenness, and several selections were sung by a male quartette from Chicago, which were also much appreciated.

The morning services of both groups were also largely attended, Dr. Jenness preaching at the Evangelical church, and Rev. Oliver at the Baptist. The services of the Baptist-Congregational group will be held for the rest of the period in the Baptist edifice. Mr. Grey will preach next Sunday morning. The morning services of the other group will be held in both churches, the term for the joint services having closed with last Sunday. But the union evening service will embrace the five churches as heretofore, the Baptist church being scheduled as the place of meeting. Dr. Jenness will be the speaker next Sunday evening.

THRIFT STAMPS

"Sing a song of war-time,
A country full of camps,
Fifty million patriots
Buying savings stamps.

"See the pennies stamping
In a steady stream
To keep the soldiers going
And smash the kaiser's dream."

LARGE CROWD ATTENDED ANNUAL BANQUET

Washington's Birthday Diners Heard Splendid Talk by Mr. Julian B. Arnold, Lecturer

As is usual the basement of the Methodist church was crowded last Friday evening at the 20th annual Washington's Birthday banquet given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the church.

Heading the program, which was one of the best ever given at these affairs, was Mr. Julian B. Arnold, son of Sir Edwin Arnold, and a speaker for the State Council of Defense. Mr. Arnold is internationally rather well known as a speaker and author. His subject, "America and the great war, Yesterday—Today—and Tomorrow," was one close to the hearts of every one present.

Mr. Arnold talked in an ordinary conversational tone of voice, hardly ever raising it, rather giving emphasis to his points by lowering the tone. He knows the United States, having lived here for eight consecutive years. He knows England and a great part of the Continent and he has visited and seen the West Front, that vast theatre of war which extends over three countries.

In his talk here he gave the impression of being an idealist and a dreamer with a wide streak of the poet's nature running thru him. His telling of the suffering of the Belgians showed that his heart was in every word he uttered.

His talk was interesting in the extreme. He told of the many sacrifices of England and France. How the women and men and even the little children of these countries had come to the front in their willingness to sacrifice everything to help win the war. The work that is being done behind the lines, how that "contemptible little army" trained in blue serge and with broomsticks instead of guns, of war conditions in the warring countries.

Rev. Truman Green, a former pastor of the Methodist church and "father" of the Washington Banquet, was called on by Rev. J. F. Jenness, the toastmaster. Rev. Green made reference to the first banquet of twenty years ago and told of the ideal that prompted it. He distributed the credit for the idea among the Ladies Aid of that time.

Mrs. R. E. Raasweiler, Miss Avis Lempke and the Girls Double Quartette furnished the music for the occasion accompanied on the piano by Miss Marianna Roe. The vocal numbers were very good and conformed to the high standard always given by local artists.

OLD NAPERVILLE RESIDENT DIED

Mrs. Marie Straube, mother of Wm. Straube of Downers Grove, died at her home in Naperville Sunday afternoon, February 24th, after suffering a few days from a stroke of paralysis.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the German Evangelical church and burial was made at the Naperville cemetery. Rev. Klingebarger of the Evangelical church and Rev. Brewer of the Congregational church officiated at the services.

Mrs. Straube was one of the oldest of Naperville residents. She was born November 7, 1833 in Germany and came to this country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Armbruster, while still a child.

She was married to Mr. Martin Straube, settling in Naperville and she lived in the house where she died for sixty-three years, living alone for the last twenty years since her husband's death.

Six children were born in this house three of whom survive her, William, of Downers Grove, Herman, of Chicago, and Martin, of Rochelle, Ill. She was a remarkable woman with a remarkable character, self reliant, active and a good neighbor and friend.

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Mrs. E. F. Lindley and Children.



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