

DOWNERS GROVE'S FIRST MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

We Will Pay Tribute to Alex Burns—same Program for Each Downers Grove Boy in Plan.

Downers Grove will pay tribute to the memory of Alexander B. Burns Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Service Flag pole, Warren avenue and Main street.

The executive committee of the Community Welfare League at which President Kidwell, H. P. Jones, J. W. Hughes, Mrs. E. G. Lemon, H. E. Tank, A. G. Michel, Wm. James, Sr., Chas. Mochel, L. B. Wells, B. E. Balczynski, Ed. Lacey, J. L. Remmers, E. R. Dunnagan and W. J. Staats were present in the Village office Wednesday night, discussed plans and appointed a committee to draft a program for the afternoon.

The committee, H. E. Tank, A. G. Michel and B. E. Balczynski met immediately after the meeting and decided on a short program for the afternoon. The most impressive part will be the raising of the Service Flag, with Alex's blue star turned to gold.

Everyone in the village is invited to participate in the memorial service. Company H, I. R. M., will take a part in the ceremonies.

Same Service for All. If Downers Grove should be unfortunate enough to lose more of her boys, either by death or in action, the same program will be carried out for all. This will always be the Sunday following the announcement of the death.

Sunday was picked as it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that every resident of Downers Grove will want to do their small part in the honoring of our dead. In a sense they are not ours, but in the greater sense, they are.

ELIZABETH M. MILLER

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Miller, wife of the late J. B. Miller, and long a resident of Downers Grove, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph S. Soule in Berwyn, Saturday, March 9th. Funeral services were held from St. Andrew's church, Tuesday, Rev. Hugh MacWhorter and Rev. Wm. A. Gustin, a personal friend, of Berwyn, officiated at the services. Burial was made at the West Side cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, on August 13, 1860. At the age of eleven years she came with her parents to America, settling a few years later at Downers Grove, where she has ever since made her home. She was married in 1886.

Mrs. Miller leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Mrs. Soule, of Berwyn, Ill.; two brothers, Dr. R. H. H. Bloome, of Flagstaff, Arizona and Henry of Clinton, Ill and one sister, Mrs. Dora Bird, of Bigelow, Minn.

Many of her old friends and neighbors from here crowded the church to pay a last tribute to her noble character.

HARVEY DREW WRITES FROM CAMP GRANT

March 11, 1918.

Friend Walter: I have read with a great deal of interest the letters from the boys in the service, that appear every week in the Reporter and it occurred to me that you might like to know how we rookies are getting on.

The four Downers Grove boys (Jos. Bealos, Albert Sheridan, John Campbell and myself) are all together in a squad room with the other DuPage Co. boys. We are part of Casual Co. No. 1, attached to the 342nd Infantry. The boys called from Downers Grove in the first draft are in Co. C of the same regiment and are quartered right across the street from us. We see Bob Dickson, Stephen Sacksteder and Billy Shannabrook quite often and when we arrived these old-timers were the first to greet us and help make things pleasant for us.

We were placed in detention for two weeks, i. e. we were not allowed to leave the barracks except for mess and in formation. The quarantine was lifted last Saturday and several of us took advantage of our freedom to attend one of the Liberty shows at the "Y" Auditorium. Unfortunately some of the boys were suffering from the effects of the second typhoid inoculation, and couldn't go along.

We have had quite a little drill and setting up exercises and the boys are limbering up in fine shape. The fresh air, out door exercise, substantial food and clean and orderly living are putting a lot of pep into the fellows.

Needless to say we all like our new jobs. The men take the work seriously and yet have a good time as they go along. We have been complimented by our officers on the progress we have made. And I might add that our officers are the very highest types of men, officers who have already won the respect and loyalty of their men.

I nearly forgot to mention the work of the Y. M. C. A. You know the "Y" is almost as much a part of our life in camp as the air we breathe, and a soldier writing home scarcely feels more constrained to give credit to the one than the other.

Our future seems to be absolutely uncertain. A new rumor appears in the paper nearly every day, but none of the men have received regular assignments yet and it appears probable that the disposition of the 5,000 rookies of which we are a part will be made direct from Washington.

I had a very pleasant chat with Lt. Whitney yesterday afternoon. Billy Shannabrook was over last evening looking for baseball recruits for the Company C team as he expects us to go over there. Stephen Sacksteder dropped in for a word or two on his way back to barracks after standing guard. So you see we have quite a social time of it.

In closing may I not extend my personal thanks to you for the news from home that reaches us in the Reporter. One of the boys usually gets it about Saturday and its arrival is one of the many bright spots in the week's calendar.

Very sincerely yours,

H. A. Drew.

Casual Co. No. 1, 342nd Inf., Barracks 208, Camp Grant, Ill.

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YOUTH KILLED AS FOG HIDES THROUGH TRAIN

Peter Doerr Victim of Weather Conditions—Jury Recommends Installation of Signals

Peter Doerr, twenty three years old was instantly killed at the Main street crossing Wednesday afternoon by No. 22.

The young man was driving to St. Joseph's school to get his brother and sisters when the onrushing train, one hour late hit the single rig and threw horse, buggy and driver many feet off the right of way, instantly killing both young Doerr and his horse.

At the inquest held yesterday morning it was brought out that the crossing gates were not down and that Mr. Foster, the crossing flagman did not have time to warn the young man of his danger. Both Mr. Foster and Geo. Heintz, the towerman, gave in their testimony the fact that the low hanging fog and smoke from two engines in the east end of the yards blowing across the track, obstructed their view of the west right of way and they were not aware of the train until it burst from the fog bank coming at nearly sixty miles an hour. Both of them must depend on their eyesight to warn of trains and the Coroner's jury wisely recommended the installation of warning signals of some kind which would automatically tell of approaching trains from either direction.

Beside the two already mentioned, Chas. Mochel, living on a farm near Cass, Fred Schutt, a driver for the Lord Lumber Co., who narrowly escaped death by the same train, and Frank Schaller witnessed the accident. They all testified that they did not hear the engineer sound his whistle.

Peter Doerr was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Doerr, who moved on the Adam Dieter farm the first of March, from a farm near Hinsdale. He was twenty-three years old and helped his father with the farm work.

Funeral services will be held from St. Joseph's church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and burial will be made at St. Joseph's cemetery, southwest of town.

Four brothers and four sisters besides his father and mother, survive. They are, Nicholas of Chicago, Wendel, John, Frank, Margaret, Mary, Kate and Lena.

CHARLES A. AUSTIN

Charles A. Austin of Simi, California died about two weeks ago after a short illness. Mr. Austin was a former well known resident of Downers Grove, having removed from here to his last residence shortly after the Chicago World's Fair.

He was born in Columbia County, New York in 1839 son of Charles G. Austin and Catherine (Blackman) Austin. In 1848 he removed with his parents to Downers Grove residing about four miles south of town.

He served four years in Co. B, 33rd Ill. V. I. and was at the surrender of Vicksburg and in many skirmishes and battles. After Lee's surrender Charles Austin went into the Freedman's Bureau and afterward taught a school in Louisiana, then engaged as clerk in the post office at New Orleans.

After settling in Downers Grove he engaged in the nursery business with his brother, the late A. B. Austin. In 1873 he sold his interest and engaged in business in Chicago. After moving to California Mr. Austin engaged in orcharding suffering many vicissitudes in unadapted varieties and an unfamiliar climate, however he persisted and was rewarded with profitable and extensive apricot and English walnut groves.

He leaves to mourn him two daughters, Alice (Mrs. S. Munroe) and Helen, and one son, Harry, all in southern California.

Mr. Austin was a member of Naper Post and the Illinois Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

WELCOMING PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yackley and his wife who recently moved on the Louis Oestman farm were pleasantly surprised last Tuesday evening when twenty-five neighbors dropped in to for the evening and get acquainted. The evening was spent in playing games and music. Later refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Maerker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. V. Mochel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Oestman, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eichhorst, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooper, Ruth Vail, Martha Hogrefe, Wm. Klein, Edward Klein, John Carlson of Minnesota and Oliver Laung.

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PARENTS MET FOR TALK AT KINDERGARTEN

The parents of the Kindergarten children met Tuesday evening to hear Miss Frances Ward explain the latest methods of teaching used in her "connecting" class, or primary grade at the Kindergarten.

A great deal more than the three R's is taught in this class, but the parents were shown that the teaching of these three generally considered fundamentals is vastly different from what it was twenty-five years ago. In fact the plan is quite the reverse of that used in former years.

The children are taught to read by first becoming familiar with the story or meaning of the lesson. The tales in the primer are really learned by heart and as many of the words become familiar the child begins to feel the need of a tool to "dig out" all the words. Then the sounds of the letters are learned and after that, the names of them.

A very superior primer is in use in this class which contains no idle repetitions such as, "See my doll; I see my doll; Does my doll see me,"—but stories such as children will love to read and remember and even dramatize in their play.

Miss Ward's methods are those used in all the better class of schools, and have been thoroughly tested and demonstrated to be successful.

The parents were treated to a reading of some of the composition work of the children and were shown how composition is taught. Number work was reserved for another evening.

Tasteful refreshments were served at the close of the interesting address, giving an opportunity for informal discussion.

CO. H. SUNDAY DRILL HOUR CHANGED TO 9

On the request of the majority of the members of Co. H, I. R. M. the Sunday drill hour has been changed to nine o'clock in the morning.

All but a very few members of the company have now been examined physically. Dr. Fuller of Riverside, the battalion physician was assisted Monday night by Drs. Gourley and LeBlanc in finishing up the job. On an average the men stack up very well physically.

Organizing Transport Train. A transport train is being organized by the company. Any resident of the automobile is village eth eth eteccc village willing to enlist himself and automobile, is eligible to join this branch of the militia reserve. They will be given the rank of sergeant.

This unit will act in the capacity of transporting the local company to any duty and will greatly facilitate the quick movement necessary in some as yet unknown case. A meeting will be held at the Village Office tonight to complete the organization.

Many names have been presented to Capt. Balczynski as being eligible for admittance and it is hoped that it will be a success. Downers Grove's company is the last in the battalion to perfect the organization of this attaching unit.

LEHMANN AND MICHEL ROBBED LAST EVENING

Bold Burglar Broke Register and Left Dirty Shirt in Exchange for a New One, Collar and Tie

A bold burglar broke into the store of Lehmann & Michel last night thru a cellar window in the rear. He broke a hole in the glass of the door, leading into the store, turned the key and walked in.

In prowling around he came on the tool chest and selecting the desired pry, forced the doors of the cash register, cleaning them out of all the change in sight.

After transferring the money to his pockets he took a bar of scented soap and a turkish towel out of the stock and proceeded to wash up. A new shirt, collar and tie, selected also out of the stock, with a discriminating eye for worth were then donned and going to the cigar case he filled the pockets of Mr. Lehmann's overcoat, which he was now wearing, with their best, he departed. He left his old shirt and coat.

Birds' Christmas Dinner. A traveler in Sweden tells of a pretty custom: "Not a peasant will sit down with his children to a Christmas dinner, indoors, till he has first raised aloft a Christmas dinner for the little birds that live in the cold and snow without."

LOCAL SCOUT COUNCIL TO BE FORMED SOON

Boy Scouts of Downers Grove to become Part of National Organization—Mass Meeting.

The Chicago West Suburban District Council Boy Scouts of America was organized a year ago. The present officers are: Pres. Wm. A. Leonard, Riverside; Sec. W. R. Richee, Argo and Treas. E. W. Carter, Berwyn. This District Council comprises all the towns on the Burlington from Berwyn to Downers Grove inclusive, together with Argo. All of the towns now have a local Council except Downers Grove. The District Council holds its charter from the headquarters of the National organization at New York and the local Councils and Boy Scouts thus became registered and a permanent part of the National organizations.

The District Council has employed Prof. L. C. Griggs of Urbana, Illinois as executive officer of the district. Prof. Griggs will move to the district and devote all his time to superintending the Boy Scouts, Scout Masters and their work. The District Council has been financed and has a substantial sum in the treasury.

It is proposed to organize the Boy Scout's Council for Downers. This town will not lag behind. We shall have 60 boy scouts. These boys should have the backing of 200 men, or more, as Charter members.

The annual membership fee has been fixed at one dollar or more if one desires to become a special benefactor of the boys. All members have the same rights and privileges.

A mass meeting will be held at Library hall on Friday evening, March 22nd, at 8 o'clock. At this time Co. H, I. R. M., will give some exhibitions and several Boy Scout Patrols from LaGrange, Riverside, Berwyn and possibly other towns will be present and give exhibitions of Army and Navy Signaling, methods of first aid and other work. The local Boy Scouts will participate in the meeting. Mayor Kidwell will preside and President Leonard of the District Council together with Prof. Griggs will be present to outline the work and objects of the organization. The program has not been fully completed but it may be said that J. R. Shaffer, Geo. C. Butler, B. E. Balczynski and other men will have something of interest for the audience. A more complete program will be given in next week's Reporter.

Scout Masters will be secured from our citizens after the local Council is organized with the aid and advice of Mr. Griggs who will devote as much time to the town as is necessary to complete several patrols.

The plan for starting a local Council was only begun three days ago and the few parties interested have only been able to see at random a comparatively small number of citizens. It is pretentious though that every one we have seen has enrolled as a Charter member. These are as follows:

- J. F. Kidwell
- J. W. Hughes
- G. C. Butler
- H. G. Butler
- J. R. Shaffer
- R. E. Rassweiler
- W. B. Towsley
- N. R. Feasley
- L. E. Singleterry
- J. L. Remmers
- I. W. Graves
- J. D. Downer

- F. N. Davis
- T. A. Verdenius
- M. W. Mills
- J. M. Weimer
- W. W. Heintz
- G. Wells
- M. V. Morton
- Guy L. Bush
- O. B. Plumly
- E. F. Lacey
- Geo. T. Knox
- Jules Zindt
- W. F. James
- W. H. Blodgett
- W. F. Brown
- David Rotruff
- Howard Jones
- Chas. Bertolin
- B. E. Balczynski
- B. E. Kehler
- E. E. Schults
- S. A. Dexter
- J. W. Nash
- N. G. Oliver
- Carl Staiger
- S. J. Perkin
- H. E. Tank
- T. M. Campbell
- C. H. Staats
- J. H. Frankensfield

Another list will be given in the Reporter next week. The boys appeal for the support of every citizen to help make better boys, better men and a better town.

Life is worth living. Make it un-anxious. We have a great opportunity. The ordinary man seldom has an opportunity to lend his influence and moral support to a proposition which shall return an hundred fold in this life and a cherished memory in the future. The present is such an opportunity. An opportunity to help the community and its young people. The boys will remember you and repay you in thoughts and deeds.

Boy Scouts do not postpone on account of weather and the program will be carried out. Let us all be "good scouts." That's the least we can do.

MYSTERIOUS PROGRAM BY PHILATHEAS

The Philathea class of the M. E. church will give a mysterious entertainment at the church next Friday night, March 22nd.

If you can guess who are to take part in the play you are more of a Sherlock Holmes than we. Try.

Part One

- Piano Solo
- Vocal Duet
- Vocal Duet
- Reading
- Vocal Solo
- Ladies Quartette
- Piano Duet

Part Two

Packing the Home Missionary Barrel.

Scene

Mrs. Brown's sitting room.

Characters

- Mrs. Brown, Hostess
- Mrs. Dimps
- Mrs. Flinn
- Mrs. Green
- Mrs. Jones
- Mrs. Lamb
- Mrs. Marks
- Mrs. White
- Mrs. Hicks
- Sophie, a Polish girl

MOTHER'S CLUB

The Downers Grove Mother's Club will hold its monthly meeting, Tuesday, March Nineteenth, at the Kindergarten.

The program offers particular interest and help at this time since the committee was fortunate enough to secure a talk by Mrs. Helen Ruggles of the Chicago City Club, on our food problems. Her subject is "Living up to our Food Pledges"—and she will give particular attention to the subject of meat substitutes—a part of the war cookery which seems most difficult.

The lecture will begin promptly at 2:30 and all members of the Club, with their friends, are cordially urged to be present.

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