

ANNUAL SENIOR PLAY AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

Cast Made Up Entirely of Girls as Most of the Boys are at Work With Boys' Reserve

The annual Senior play of the Downers Grove High School will be given this evening at the High School Assembly Hall.

The first part of the program will be given by the High School and girls' choruses.

During a fifteen minute intermission an exhibition of the work of the Junior Red Cross Auxiliary will be given.

"The Girls Over Here for the Boys Over There" is the rather long title of the senior play.

The cast includes: Virginia, Red Cross Nurse, Esther Klein, Vera, Ambulance Driver,

Madge, Adelaide Walters, Nora, Ruth Bessey, Babe, Postwoman, Gladys Bessey, Mrs. Davis, Wife of Grand Army Man, Martha Diener

Ethel, Her Niece, Margaret Hammond, Dolly, A Society Girl, Ruth Oliver

Following the play will be community choral singing and the raising of the High School Service Flag.

This flag contains at present seventy-one stars, and includes, so far as known, everyone who has ever been a student at the local high school.

As is usual, at affairs given by the school, a great crowd is looked for.

LOCAL CAMP FIRE GIRLS PLAN WORK

The Camp Fire girls of Downers Grove are planning some systematic war work during their summer vacation.

It is planned to take hikes during the summer. The girls have recently hiked to Naperville where they met the Guardian and Naperville girls who expressed a wish that the Downers Grove girls work with them.

It is most desirable that the mothers of girls of Camp Fire age stand back of this movement and give their support and assistance to the Guardians.

Mrs. W. J. O'Neill will act as one of the Guardians of the local girls. Mrs. G. A. Kimmel, one of the Naperville guardians with several years experience in this work has offered to assist the girls here with advice and suggestions and it is believed that a number of the girls of Downers Grove will hand together in this movement.

The Downers Grove girls have been organized one year and have a membership of seventeen.

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The primary takes place September 11th. I respectfully solicit your support.

Lawrence Hattendorf, Wheaton, Ill.

Methods Enough. The Bank of England is said to have 25 different methods of detecting forged bank notes.

HOUSES MUST BE NUMBERED FOR DELIVERY

The postal laws of the United States declare that before free delivery of mail can start in a town all houses must be properly numbered.

Downers Grove people have been waiting for years for the free delivery of mail and they should see that they live up to the postal regulations in regard to house numbering.

Have your house number placed in accordance with Village Ordinance. All house numbers must be applied before June first.

These numbers can be obtained from local merchants.

Delbert Austin, Dept. of Streets and Public Imp.

REAL POWDER USED BY CO. F. IN SKIRMISHING

LaGrange Unit Surprised Battalion by Plentiful Use of Blanks at Drill Sunday.

Co. F, Second Illinois R. M. surprised the second battalion at drill last Sunday on the LaGrange field by a plentiful use of blank cartridges.

The LaGrange unit was giving an exhibition of various formations and had started across the field on a skirmish line. Captain Bradford, their commander, gave the order to fire at will and the reserve militiamen looking on expected the usual "click, click." Greatly to their surprise and also that of the spectators the old Krag rifles belched forth much smoke, fire and noise.

The sound of real powder being used was so unusual to the spectators that they burst out into an involuntary cheer. Co. F. was given a great hand by their companions of the battalion as they returned from their charge across the field.

The "Q" battalion gathered at LaGrange in the second of a series of four drills Sunday afternoon and before a large crowd of people passed in review before Colonel Wilson and Major Hobbs. Col. Wilson's home is in LaGrange and he is the commanding officer of the second regiment. Major Hobbs is head of the second battalion consisting of the Riverside, Hinsdale, LaGrange and Downers Grove companies.

After the review and inspection by the Colonel and after the LaGrange company had given their exhibition, Major Hobbs put the battalion through various maneuvers. These were done in creditable style, Downers Grove being on a par with the other units.

Co. H, was honored last Sunday by having the color guard picked from its ranks. Private Rasweiler carried the Stars and Stripes with Privates Guy L. Bush and H. D. Jones of the first squad as guards.

The Transport Train would have made a better appearance if they had been properly uniformed. It is almost time they were getting their car flags and other equipment as this company is the last in the battalion to complete this branch of the reserve.

Private Staiger had a little hard luck going down when a front tire blew with a bang. He received several laughs from the others as he was leading the procession but Carl believes in that old one about laughing last.

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Honor Roll of Downers Grove Subscribers to the Third Liberty Loan.

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LOYALTY PLEDGE CARDS READY FOR SIGNING

The "Loyalty Pledge Cards" have been received by the local members of the Neighborhood Committee of the State Council of Defense and are now ready for signing.

When signing this card you will really be signing a pledge of loyalty to the United States and also say that you will do your part in the winning of the war.

The local committee, W. H. Blodgett, John Gray, John Graves, N. C. Pearce and C. H. Staats, are planning on using the members of Company H, I. R. M. in the distribution of these cards.

Territory will be assigned to the men at drill Monday night and they will start out Tuesday night to get the signature of every man and woman over eighteen on one of these pledges. The system will be similar to that used in getting subscriptions

to the third loan but the territory will be redistricted. Information asked for includes the date and place of birth; age; citizenship; occupation and where and by whom employed.

The local committee has charge of the three voting precincts here. Ira Heartt and Frank Cramer are the men who have charge of the Lacey precinct. Sergeant Carpenter and Clerk Geisert of Co. H, have been asked to assist Mr. Blodgett in assigning the districts, filing the cards and with the great amount of necessary clerical work.

Frightful Dream. The Clinger says the reason she is quitting her present boarding house is because she dreamed last night she was married to a cannibal, and when she waked up a horrid little bug was eating on her.—Dallas News.

\$8.00 IS ADDED BY E. HOEHN TO BALL FUND

For the second time, Emil Hoehn, the barber, is sending a remittance to the Clark C. Griffith Ball and Bat Fund for Soldiers and Sailors.

He has collected \$8.00 more mostly in quarters to keep the boys "over there and over here" interested in the National game. While almost everyone has done his bit for this fund it is known as the "Barber Fund" because barbers all over the United States have collected the money.

The following subscribed:

- L.S. Worley, D.H. Jenkins, Arthur Jehl, Chas. Haller, W. David, Paul Vix, Russel Tholin, Carl Shroka, Henry Dierks, T. Gabraski, A. Grabowski, H. Heal, E. Waples, H.J. Venard, L.E. Schultz, Elbert Schultz, R. Boldebeck, P.J. Boldebeck, G. Timke, C.F. Lower, Emery Klein, Leonard Pfaff, Arnold Faulhaber, Adam Palzer, Allan MacLean, H.O. Brown, Roy Vix, Antone Srfranski, Emil Hoehn, A.D. Hathaway

UNION SERVICE TO BE HELD AT CONG'L CHURCH

Rev. Mr. Amy of the DuPage Presbyterian Church Will Speak Sunday Evening

Before a congregation which filled the St. Paul's Evangelical church last Sunday evening, Rev. Ira M. Grey spoke on the subject, "The Unconquerable Christ," taking as his text the words in Mark 7:24—"And he could not be hid."

The sermon was in the nature of an answer to those who have charged that the present war signals the collapse of Christianity and the failure of the Church.

Mr. Grey said in part, "Since the outbreak of the war, certain magazine experts have been regaling us with impressive articles upon such topics as, 'The Failure of Christianity,' 'Can Christianity Survive?'"

"The Impotence of the Church," etc. etc., and they have been telling us how helpless and inadequate the Christian religion is, and that historic Christianity must be relegated to the scrap heap in favor of a new and up-to-date religion.

These deliverances have been characterized by an air of finality, of cocksure omniscience, which has actually disturbed some timorous souls and unsettled their faith.

"But let us reassure ourselves. We worship a living Christ who is 'the same yesterday, today and forever.' The history of nineteen hundred years has taught us that the perpetuity of Christianity can in no wise be affected by the pop-gun and toot-horn attacks of men.

Times without number the attempt has been made to put Christ out of the way, but it has always failed." He could not be hid.

With some detail Mr. Grey then traced the history of Christianity, showing how the faith of Christ has persisted through all the centuries, not only holding its own against the most formidable and bitter persecution, but even thriving amidst such circumstances.

He recalled the terrible persecutions under Claudius, Nero, Domitian, Trajan, Hadrian and Diocletian, and traced the trying experiences of the Church through the subsequent periods. Through all of these Christ has come victorious because "He could not be hid."

The speaker urged his hearers to have faith in the ultimate triumph of Christ's cause. God has not brought His Church through such a long history of triumphant suffering only to abandon her now on the eve of a brighter and better day.

Her golden age is yet to come. As in the past, so in the future she is to be the medium of highest blessing and service to the world.

Special music at the Union Service was rendered by the joint choirs of the Congregational, Baptist and St. Paul's churches.

Next Sunday evening's service will be held in the Congregational church. The speaker will be the Rev. Mr. Amy, pastor of the DuPage Presbyterian church. Mr. Amy is an interesting speaker, and the program for the evening promises to be a most helpful one. The hour of service is 7:30 o'clock.

Australia's Artesian Basin. The artesian basin of Australia measures 569,000 square miles in extent, and is said to be the largest known in the world, comprising 876,000 square miles in Queensland, 90,000 in South Australia, 88,000 in New South Wales and 20,000 in the northern territory.

LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

Warren Wells Writes Home From an Eastern Camp on the Eve of Going Over There

Camp Merritt, April 30, 1918

Dear Mother: Will probably have to write this in short spasms but will try and make the best of it.

I hardly know where to begin, there is so much to tell and I am afraid I haven't time or paper enough to tell you all.

Will begin with last Tuesday. There was no concealing our move from Logan and everyone in town and camp knew when we were to leave. It was some job packing the last of our stuff and we sure did work. Had everything cleaned up and packed by noon and at 1 p. m. we fell in marched thru camp to the train headed by the 122d Artillery band. There were four trains for us. Twelve Pullmans, an officers car, cook car and four freight cars to each train.

The first train left at about 1:30, the second about 3:30 and ours at 4:30. The fourth followed us about two hours later. The fellows were certainly glad to leave there and nearly the whole camp was there to say goodbye. Luckily our train was mostly standard Pullmans and the car I was in was an observation car.

The first stop we made was at Cairo, Tex. We got in there about 1:30 p. m. Wednesday and left at 4:30. We all piled off there and marched thru the town. Stopped in the business district for nearly an hour and had some time. The merchants showered us with cigarettes, candy and apples. They must have given us nearly \$25 worth of smokes and four boxes of apples. We sure had a good time and the whole town was at the station when we left.

The next town we got off at St. Louis. We got in there about 9:00 p. m. Thursday and got off the train just outside the Union Depot. Marched through the business district and left there about midnight over the Clover Leaf route. Went into St. Louis on the Frisco. The Clover Leaf Some Road! when we woke up Friday morning we were only about two thirds of the way across Illinois. Finally about eleven o'clock we switched over onto the C. & E. I. and headed straight north toward Chicago.

The whole train went wild cause we thought sure we would go into Chi. But no such luck. The nearest we got was Danville and then back onto the Clover Leaf and east. Got into Frankfort, Ind., about 5:00 p. m. and when we marched uptown I got permission to use a phone. Had to wait about twenty minutes but finally got the connection. The rest of that part you already know. I was mighty glad that I found someone at home though. During Friday night we got into Bellevue, O., and there switched onto the Nickel Plate. Got into Cleveland about 9:30 Saturday morning and again piled out and marched through the town. Then on our way again through Erie, Pa., and into Buffalo where we picked up the Le-high Valley and stayed on it into Camp Merritt. Sunday was a beautiful day and nearly all of it was spent in the Alleghenic mountains. A great many of the fellows had never seen mountains before and they had the time of their lives. Late Sunday evening we crossed from Pa. into N. Jersey and Newark. This was where the celebration really started and talk about the noise. Every fellow on the train was hanging out a window and yelling like a demon. This kept up clear into Hoboken and Jersey City. Every engine we passed would let out a string of shrieks and toots and when we pulled thru the yards at Jersey City every engineer within a mile pulled his whistle cord down and held it until we were out of sight.

We also passed thru a big park in Jersey City and there were about 50 autos lined up along the track. The noise was deafening and worse than a New Year's celebration.

We passed right by N. Y. city on the other side of the river and got a fine view of the big buildings. This camp is about fifteen miles north and west of N. Y. City and we got in here about 8:30 p. m. Sunday. By this time we got everything off the train and into camp it was nearly midnight. The fourth section didn't get in until early Monday morning.

The barracks here are very much like the ones at Rockford and are certainly fine. Of course this is only an embarkation camp and very few of the regiments stay here over a week. (This will probably be censored but I am taking a chance.) We have a fine big Liberty theatre which runs all

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