

"Q" BATTALION TO HAVE REVIEW HERE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Highland Avenue and Plank Road to be Scene of Military Display -Third of Series

Downers Grove will entertain the Second Battalion of the Second Regiment, Illinois Reserve Militia, next Sunday afternoon in the third of a series of battalion drills.

Highland avenue and the Plank road will be the scene of the review and this large field will present an appearance of an armed camp for a few hours.

While many of the local people attended either the review at Hinsdale or at LaGrange, hundreds of visitors from these towns and from here will attend.

Four o'clock is the hour set for the review and it will follow the flag raising and opening of the Red Cross drive at the Library in which the militia will take part.

Some excuses were they not, fellows? Yes, they were—not.

Drill, drill, drill, will be our portion to get ready for the exhibition on next Sunday afternoon.

The solo sung by Lieutenant Bennett at the Baptist Sunday school last Sunday morning when the company was in attendance in honor of the "Mother's Day" service, was much appreciated.

Oh you, "By the right and left flank." Do you really think you know as much about this as you think you know?

With the second platoon in the lead the front rank of the first platoon can oblique better than any in forming a square.

The demerit system has been discussed and red-cussed since Monday and the balance of the opinion is in its favor.

What we rise to enquire is; where will Sergeant Eichelman get enough work to do in the next two weeks to keep all those police details busy?

Oh those (to some) bewildering commands, "Form Company Square," "Flankers Out and Post," "Flankers on the Line."

Charge, Bay-n-yuts!

RAIN SPOILED FLAG RAISING PLAN SUNDAY

Rain, which started early Sunday morning, spoiled the flag raising plan for Highland Acres at the Theodore Dreuttel home on Grand avenue.

Part of the program was however carried out. Company H men marched to the scene in a body and were served a fine breakfast of sandwiches and coffee by the women of the neighborhood.

A short program, including the singing of the National Anthem, patriotic songs and marching songs by the company and short talks by H. E. Tank and Mr. Dreuttel, was carried out.

A quintet composed of Lt. Bennett, Corporal Brown and Privates Lacey, Chasman and Reinhold sang with great feeling, "We're Tenting Tonight," to the great delight of their comrades and those gathered there.

Altho Mr Dreuttel was born in Germany, he is intensely loyal to America. He emigrated when but a young man to escape the German "Kultur," and has never regretted his move.

TO THE VOTERS OF DUPAGE CO.

I hereby announce myself candidate for the office of county treasurer. Having served as township collector for the town of Milton, the past two years, I feel that I can fill the office to the satisfaction of all voters.

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

Lawrence Hattendorf, Wheaton, Ill.

MISS MERTZ HAS GONE TO WASHINGTON

Miss Maud Mertz left this morning for Washington, D. C. to work in the Insurance Department of the Bureau of War.

Since the entrance of the United States into the war Miss Mertz has been doing everything in her power to back up the government and she thinks that in her new capacity her services will be of greater value than at home.

She organized the surgical dressing class for the Red Cross branch and taught the members the intricate job of folding bandages, wipes and the many other gauze combinations used by the thousands in war hospitals.

Mrs. C. W. VanBeynum will have charge of the surgical classes until a successor for Miss Mertz is appointed. Mrs. VanBeynum has been her assistant and has taken lessons in the work at the headquarters of the Chicago chapter.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE AT NOON DURING SUMMER

Bosses and Clerks Will Not Work on Wednesday Afternoons During June, July and August.

A great majority of the business houses of Downers Grove will close at 12 o'clock every Wednesday during the summer months and remain closed for the balance of the day.

Hinsdale, Riverside and other suburban towns have been enjoying these Wednesday afternoons for several years and several times the question has come up before the local merchants but through some cause or other has fallen through.

It is a move in the right direction. There is hardly a big business in the United States today that does not follow this weekly half-holiday rule and most of them throughout the year.

Men and women who work the long hours as grocery clerks and in meat markets and the general stores of a village like Downers, are entitled to this little recess in the weeks business. Saturday is the logical closing day, but as this is the big day in the week for all produce business, it is impossible to close on Saturday afternoon.

Following is the petition and those who signed it:

"We the undersigned business people of Downers Grove do hereby agree to close our places of business at 12 o'clock promptly on each Wednesday during June, July and August and that we will not under any condition open our places of business during these half holidays.

- J. D. Gillespie & Co. Otto Hirsch. Farmers and Merchants Bank. Emma Gress. Fred Gerwig. Mertz & Mochel. L. Klein. Emrich Bros. Anna Meyers. Morris Shoe Store. W. S. Wilson. H. E. McAllister & Co. V. Tholin. Lehmann & Michel. J. W. Nash. Augusta Selig. Jules M. Zindt. S. A. Dexter. W. V. Moberg. First National Bank. L. F. Coleman. Houseman Drug Co."

In addition to this the three barber shops have agreed to close each Monday at noon during the summer, the Reporter office and the Lord Lumber Co. close Saturday afternoons, giving almost every employer and employee in the village a weekly half-holiday.

F. Gerwig & Son have announced that they will close in addition to the above during the month of September and the barber shops have followed suit.

Starting Traditions. In ages which we call heroic, the saint works miracles, the warrior performs exploits beyond the strength of natural man. In ages less visionary, which are given to ease and enjoyment, the tendency is to bring the great man down to the common level and to suppose that human nature which shall show that he is not but a little more than an... The absurdity of a calagany may be as evident as the absurdity of a miracle, the ground for belief may be no more than a lightness of mind and a less pardonable wish that it may be true. But the idle tale floats in society, and by and by is written down in books and passes into the region of established realities.—Froude.

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GLEN EDWIN DOWNER

Glen Edwin Downer, eleven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville R. Downer, Jr., passed away at their home in Maywood, Thursday, May 9, at 12 p m.

Little Glen Edwin was just recovering from a very severe case of whooping cough when he was taken with double pneumonia and lingered but nine days.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from the home. Interment was in the Downers Grove West Side cemetery.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends go with Mr. and Mrs. Downer in their sorrow.

Mrs. Downer will be remembered as Hazel Marvin Mr. Downer is the son of Postmaster Downer.

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KING - MOCHEL

Last evening in the presence of about fifty relatives and friends, Edward A. Mochel of our village and Ethel E. King, of Forest Park, were married.

The ceremony took place at 7:30 at the home of the bride's parents in Forest Park, Rev. Paul Crusius, of St. Paul's Evangelical church officiating.

The bride was attended by her chum, Miss Anna Billing, of Forest Park and Raymond Mochel served his uncle as best man.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. King and the groom is the son of Val Mochel and is very well known here.

After a bountiful wedding dinner was served, the bride and groom left on their wedding trip, their destination being kept secret from their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Mochel will make their home with the bride's parents at 212 Elgin Ave., for Mr. Mochel expects a call soon to serve his coun-

Bringing the War Home



2ND REGIMENT TO DANCE AND DRILL TONIGHT

"Dance and Drill" is the slogan for the Second Regiment, I. R. M. at the Armory on West Madison street tonight.

Company H, and the many local people who will attend, are scheduled to leave here on the 6:45 train as the affair begins at eight. Preceding the dance which will commence at ten, the entire regiment will pass in review before its Colonel and will give an exhibition drill.

Col. Wilson, of LaGrange, commander of the regiment, has the following to say about the training of units similar to his:

"What would two months compulsory military training each summer for two years do for high school and college men of America? It would make them better physically, mentally, and morally, and they would learn the first lessons of military duty without disturbing the industrial life of the nation.

"Those who attend, the drill" he says, "will see what can be done with civilians, some of them of middle age, in less than two months' training. They have drilled less than 4 hours a week for a year.

"This is less than twenty-five days and two weeks in camp would equal a year of this weekly training according to Col. Wilson."

NOTICE

All Villages Licenses for the ensuing year, are now due and payable at the Village Office.

All dogs found running at large will be disposed of at once. Safety First! Get Busy!

H. A. Gardiner, Village Collector.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of DuPage County, subject to the action of the voters at the primary, September 11th.

John F. Hesterman.

Phrenological. An odd reminder, says the Independent, of the days when phrenology was popular as a means of "reading character," with a sly dig at the tendency of its professors to give complimentary explanations of the "humps," is found in a letter from Elizabeth Barrett Browning advertised for sale in a London bookseller's catalogue. It reads in part: "Do you believe in phrenology? Did you ever consult a phrenological oracle? and did it answer, 'My son, thou art invincible?'"

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EFFORT MADE TO HOLD BACK FREE DELIVERY

The Village Board is making an effort to change the proposed free mail delivery from a Village to City system. Village Attorney, A. B. Snow is now working on the matter and is protesting to the post office department.

Postmaster Downer, also, is trying to get the more efficient system for the village. The advertisement for carriers is not bearing much fruit as no applications have been received. The present high living cost deters many men from putting in applications for a \$55 a month job, all that it will pay under the village plan.

Several sections of the town were left out of the proposed routes and these were to be handled by rural carriers. Persons living in these sections started the protest.

June first was the date set for the initial delivery of mail but Mr. Downer is trying to have this extended to July first or until the controversy over the two systems is settled. By all means let us stick out for the better plan, nothing is too good for Downers Grove.

COMPANY H. IS AGAIN HELPING TO WIN THE WAR

Loyalty and Thrift Stamp Pledges Being Distributed by Local Militia Reserve.

Company H, I. R. M. is again helping in a war measure.

The Civic War League, organized under the authority of the State Council of Defense, is this week getting every Downers Grove resident to sign the Loyalty Pledge Card. Almost every member of the local military unit was busy Tuesday and Wednesday nights on this work and the distribution of the Thrift and War Savings Stamp Pledges.

Everyone over eighteen years of age is being asked to sign this card. It is pure and simple but a declaration of loyalty to the United States and as such should be willingly signed.

There are a few people who have not put their names down as supporting the Government, but we think it due to a misunderstanding of the purpose of the pledge. When it is brought to their attention that a refusal to sign will more than likely mean a visit by a Government agent, they will soon come into line.

This is not the first time that our reserve militia organization has stepped in on war work outside of their regular drill hours. Goodness knows, they drill often and long enough without taking into consideration the many extra calls on their time.

Through their efforts the Third Liberty Loan was put over in Downers Grove. Working under Sam Curtiss, chairman of the local committee, they sold many bonds.

The Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other war work that comes before the community sooner or later is shifted onto the shoulders of this efficient bunch of men. Next week many of them have volunteered to aid in the \$100,000,000 war fund drive for the Red Cross.

Wm. Blodgett, chairman of the committee in charge of the Pledge Card distribution, is greatly satisfied with results thus far. If anyone was missed in the canvass they can sign the pledge at Mr. Blodgett's office and it must be done before tomorrow evening.

SET A "RED CROSS" HEN THIS SPRING

Miss M. E. Fluck of the Lindenwald Estate, has started the "Set a Red Cross Hen" movement in Downers Grove. This week she will put a setting of eggs under a motherly hen and the proceeds from this brood will be donated to the American Red Cross.

She has asked that other people in this village and vicinity do likewise. It is one method of raising money and the beauty of the project is that the money is not missed. Those who enroll in this movement will please please their names to this office so that a proper record can be kept.

Stametsown, N. Y. has the honor of starting this new method of giving to a good cause and last year set 229 hens. Their aim is to raise \$1000 in this manner this season.

Optimistic View. There is more happiness in retirement than in ruling an empire.

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COMMENCEMENT DOINGS TO KEEP GRADUATES BUSY

Class Night Wednesday at School, Exercises Thursday at Methodist Episcopal Church

Starting Sunday night with the Baccalaureate Sermon at the Methodist church, the 1918 graduating class of the Downers Grove High School will have a busy week.

Wednesday evening the second Class Night program will be given at the school assembly hall. This innovation in the local schools was started last year by Miss Edsall and was one of the greatest successes of graduation week.

A fine program is now being arranged by the Senior Class for this annual stunt. As the class prophecy, history, will and other things will be read, the students and townspeople are much interested and the hall will be taxed to its utmost capacity.

The annual Commencement Exercises and the presentation of diplomas will be staged in the Methodist church on Thursday evening. The invitations, 600 in number, have already been sent out, and the program follows.

- March, Miss Roe
Invocation
Star Spangled Banner... Audience
Salutatory... Roy Bruns
Song... High School Chorus
Oration... Leo Rogers
Piano Solo... Esther Klein
Oration... E. Hammerschmidt
Song... High School Chorus
Oration... Adelaide Walter
Valedictory... Ruby Iehl
Song... Senior Girl's Quartette
Presentation of Diplomas
Class Song
Benediction

While the class this year is a small one, having only twenty-seven members, not this many will be on the platform to receive their sheepskins. Several of the boys joined the Boys' Working Reserve early in the spring and are now helping keep the world supplied with food by working on the farm.

- The class roll includes:
Ruth Anna Bessey
Frederick J. Shoger
Fletcher Carolyn Klein
Charles William DeWitt
Viola Edna Nielsen
William Roscoe Marton
Gladys Elizabeth Bessey
Roy William Bruns
Frank J. Drees
Anna Martha Diener
Willard Gallup
Warren Littleford
Vera Marguerite Dickson
Fred V. White
Margaret L. Hammond
Gilbert F. Binder
Helen M. Conley
Joseph F. Miller
Ruby E. Iehl
Frank Ballard Waples
Walter L. Rogers
Claire A. Conley
Gordon R. Swanson
Glorie Gail Farrar
Adelaide Walter
Ruth Elizabeth Oliver
Ernest Collins Hammerschmidt

TO PASS ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

By authority of the State Council of Defense, Chairman Insull has appointed John A. Spoor and Charles H. Wacker, of Chicago, and John H. Harrison, of Danville, a Committee on Public Improvements.

Appointment of this committee is in furtherance of a recommendation from the Council of National Defense that proposed improvements should receive careful consideration, with a view to postponing until after the period of the war, such improvements as may not be absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the war.

Experience with the few public improvements which have been brought to the attention of the Council suggests that each project will have to be considered on its merits as an individual case, so the work in prospect for the committee is heavy. Questions which have to be considered in this connection are not only that of immediate necessity for the improvements, but the possibility of getting material and transportation which may be required under the priority regulations now enforced at Washington covering all shipments by rail.

Any community which has under consideration public improvements of importance should get in touch with the committee before undertaking them. This applies to new public buildings, new roads and all such projects. Urgent need will have to be shown in all cases to get Secretary McAdoo's help, and he controls priority orders.

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