

SECOND I. R. M. TO RECEIVE FLAG AT LaGRANGE SUNDAY

Every Unit of the Regiment Will be Present at Color Presentation and Review.

LaGrange, the home of Colonel Wilson, commander of the Second Infantry, Illinois Reserve Militia, will present the regiment with a stand of colors next Sunday afternoon.

Every unit of the regiment will participate in the presentation and in the review which follows. From present plans it promises to be the greatest military event that the suburbs have ever seen.

LaGrange has twice entertained the reserves, last fall the entire regiment was assembled there and a few weeks ago the second battalion and the regimental band passed in review before Colonel Wilson.

The hour set for the opening of the afternoons program is 3 o'clock.

Some time ago an effort was made to get a good name for each squad in Co. H, and one of the shining lights of the company has suggested the following appellations:

- First squad—Staats' Stalwarts.
- Second squad—Brown's Bulls
- Third squad—Huntington's Heroes
- Fourth squad—Duncan's Daisies
- Fifth squad—Sherman's Saints
- Sixth squad—Johnson's Jewels
- Seventh squad—Geisert's Guessers
- Eighth squad—Timke's Terrors.

If any of the company members can think of better names their suggestions will be gratefully received, whether they are acted on or not.

Sound off. This command given by the Battalion Adjutant last Sunday slightly balled up either a few of the first squad or one of the sergeants at the right end of the company. When the command was given "one, two, three" and then "shut up" was heard. In the investigation which followed testimony showed that one of the sergeants, now don't ask me which one, had misunderstood the command and had repeated, "Count Off."

"Rhubarb" Jones, otherwise known as "Hulbert" "Treasurer" and "Cook" may in his past life have had several nick-names thrust upon him by an unappreciative public, but not one will stick as long as his present one, the aforesaid "Rhubarb." Just how he was named after this polygonaceous plant of the genus Rheim, which sometimes is made into a succulent sauce, is a great secret which will not be divulged by any member of Co. H. Sufficient to say it aptly represents a deep, dark incident of his past life.

After drill Monday night suggestions were asked for another drill night in the week to take the place of the regular Sunday morning hour which has been dropped. After wrangling pleasantly among themselves for a time, Thursday was settled on as the logical night. Starting next week every Monday and Thursday night, regular drill, with roll call at 7:30 sharp.

A half hour drill is called for tonight at 8:00. When the Captain made this announcement and said "not over half an hour," a titter which gradually developed into a laugh rippled down the line. Why the laugh? As Mae Tinee says, "Ask me, ask me!"

Members of the Transport Train received their first lessons last night in standing at attention, dressing, facing, and several more of the rookie movements. They like it fine.

Isn't it really too bad it rained Sunday afternoon, thereby not giving us our chance to put on an exhibition drill before the members of the Second Battalion?

YACKLEY-LOY

On Wednesday, May 8, the marriage of Miss Edith Yackley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yackley, and Mr. Reed Loy, of Naperville, took place here. Rev. Eneas B. Gout, pastor of St. Joseph's church, officiating the ceremony in the parlor of his home.

MEMORIAL DAY CALL TO EVERY LOCAL SCHOLAR

Memorial Day has always been appropriately observed all over this land of ours. Indeed, it has come to be the most precious of all our patriotic holidays. This year, the real significance of the day will have a richer, deeper meaning to us all.

I am sure every boy and girl will want to help to observe Decoration Day this year. We are requesting all boys and girls to meet at the South Side school building Thursday afternoon, May 30, at 2 o'clock, to take part in the Decoration Day parade.

Sincerely,
G. C. Butler

ASSEMBLY HALL FILLED AT '18 "CLASS NIGHT"

Interesting Program Applauded as Seniors Made Their Last Bow in Old Study Hall

Seniors of the Downers Grove high school, graduating class of 1918, made their last bow in the Assembly Hall at the school Wednesday night in the annual "Class Night" exercises.

Opening a program of merit was a tableau representing the four classes of high school life, from the marble playing of the Freshies to the diploma presentation of the Seniors.

The second number, "Morning Exercises," was really good. Fred Shogger, in the capacity of Mr. Feasley, principal of the school, gave a life-like representation of him conducting morning exercises. Those who know say that every gesture and even the tone of voice was exact.

Frank Waples, class poet and writer of blank verse, introduced the members of the '18 class in his usual poetic manner. His reference to Sam Bertolin, who left school last spring to join the 149th Field Artillery and is now in France, drew a wave of applause.

The Class Will with the usual jokes which were appreciated more by the students, who could understand their subtle meaning, was composed and read by Viola Nielsen, who made the four year course in three years.

Another poetical effusion was the Class Prophecy. Roy Bruns was the author and his meetings with members of the class ten years hence were funny. In a clever way he used their present claims to distinction to tell of their future careers.

Closing the program was a group of class songs. Each class, led by the freshmen, sang a parody on a well known air. The words told of the joys and sorrows of school life and were very appropriate. All four classes grouped on the stage then sang the old "Loyalty" song, that has rung out on many a football field in the past four years.

Concluding, the audience joined with the students in the National anthem.

MOOAR - SHULZ

On Saturday, May 11, Miss Dorothy Mooar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mooar of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Thos Shultz of the 123rd U. S. F. A.

The ceremony was performed in Houston, Texas.

Both of these young people are well and favorably known in Downers Grove. Mrs. Shultz having lived here since early childhood, graduating from our High school in the class of '16.

Mr. Shultz has made his home here for the past six years coming from Dawson, Ill., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shultz, still reside. He is one of the many young men of our town who have answered the call to the colors and is now enroute for France.

COPY EARLY NEXT WEEK

As most of you know Decoration Day is next Thursday. Now again, as most of you know Thursday is the busiest day in our who's week—so we must request all who will have copy for next week's paper to get it in early.

BOY SDOUT MOVEMENT IS GROWING RAPIDLY

The Boy Scout movement in our Village is growing rapidly. Rev. H. M. MacWhorter, as Scout Commissioner, is meeting with success and one full troop of thirty-two boys has been organized and is now working under W. W. Heintz as Scout Master.

The second troop is in the making and a Scout Master will be selected this week if possible.

Subscription cards have been passed around. If you haven't signed and returned yours, do so at once. It may be handed to the treasurer, Sam Curtiss or to the secretary, H. C. Chambers. If you haven't received a card just cut out the one below and fill in the amount you desire to contribute and give to the secretary or the treasurer.

The card reads as follows:

BOYS TODAY! MEN TOMORROW! BE PREPARED!!

It is proposed to complete the West Suburban District of the Boy Scouts of America. This district takes in all of the towns on the Burlington from Perwyn to Downers Grove, inclusive, and Argo. All of the towns except ours have perfected their organization. Let's get busy!

We wish to finance the Downers Grove Council of Boy Scouts of America for a term of three years. Each member of the Council to contribute from one to twenty-five dollars per annum.

We expect at least sixty-four boys—two troops. They will be entitled to the advantages of the larger council and the services of the executive officer.

We already have 100 charter members. Hadn't you better be one. There is time.

Thank you. Now help by getting another member!

DOWNERS GROVE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

For the advancement and maintenance of the Boy Scout Movement in this community.

I agree to pay annually the sum of..... Dollars for the next three years.

Date..... 1918

Signed..... Payable..... 1918

Address..... 1919

Date..... Obtained by..... Total Amt. of Pledge.....

Date..... Cash Received.....

All checks should be made payable to the Treasurer, Samuel Curtiss

The Boy Scout pledge is: "On My Honor I Will Do My Best — 1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; — 2. To help other people at all times; — 3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

The Scout motto is, "Be Prepared."

A few of the headings of the Scout Law are: A Scout is Trustworthy — A Scout is Loyal — A Scout is Helpful — A Scout is Friendly — A Scout is Courteous — A Scout is Kind — A Scout is Obedient — A Scout is Cheerful — A Scout is Thrifty — A Scout is Brave — A Scout is Clean — A Scout is Reverent.

Don't you think this is a good investment? Dividend:—The same whatever you contribute, with enrolment as charter member and equal privileges in Council; Consciousness of doing the duty of a man; Benefit of living the golden rule and unexpected courtesies.

Such an investment is convertible on any annual dividend day into — Manly Boys — Womanly Girls — Good Schools — Good Churches — Desirable Community — Clean Town and an enhancement in real estate values.

Such an investment is registered in the hearts of the boys and the esteem of the community.

We pray and pray for the "Boys Over There." It is well. Here is opportunity to do something for the "Boys Over Here," before they become "Boys Over There." Don't try to sleep with your conscience until you do it. F. N. Davis.

DECORATION DAY

In the midst of the world war, when Republic include a morning trip to Hinsdale and the decoration of the mighty conflict the veterans of soldier graves in the Fullersburg cemetery.

that other war, when America was rent in twain and North and South were pitted against each other in a death struggle, will once more honor the memory of their comrades gone before.

As in other years the resting place of the boys who wore the blue will be garlanded with flowers. Heads will be bared and eyes lowered in tribute of the heroes who fought and died for their country.

Yet this year Decoration Day will be different from all others. Once more America is in arms for humanity and the ideals of democracy, the rights of the people as opposed to oppression and autocracy. The boys of Nineteen seventeen and eighteen have shouldered their rifles and are marching against the foe as did those boys of '61 in years gone by. Not only are they marching and fighting but they are dying for their flag, for their country and for humanity.

With this knowledge the day will take a deeper significance to the observer of the memorial rites, and the deeds of those heroes of the Civil war, the deeds which made possible a united nation now when humanity stands in dire need of succor, will be held in greater reverence.

Without the valor and might of the Union armies of '61 to '65 America could not have stepped forth in Nineteen seventeen to aid suffering humanity. The call of bleeding France; the wail of tortured Belgium, the hoarse cry of wounded Britain would have fallen if not on deaf ears certainly on a people powerless to respond.

So while our hearts are full of the thoughts of those now fighting the great fight for us and for all that is best in the world, let us not forget to give to those brave men of another generation the tribute of praise which is their due.

Let us then honor the thin line of blue, the fore runner of the mighty host now joining in the world conflict and marching also under the Stars and Stripes.

The local plans for the day Thursday, May 30, in charge of Naper Post, No. 468, Grand Army of the

was in readiness to pass in review when the clouds, which had been threatening all afternoon, began to shower down little drops of rain. After conferring with the officers, Major Hobbs then called off all further evolutions and ordered the march back to town.

It was just in time, for as the last company cleared the tracks on Main street, going south, down came the deluge. For ten minutes the skies were opened up and those who did not fly for shelter were soaked to the skin in a few minutes.

The members of the Riverside, LaGrange, Hinsdale and Downers Grove companies, arriving at the high school found cold lemonade waiting them. It was prepared and served by the wives of members of Co. H, assisted by the Boy Scouts, the Campfire Girls and the Khaki Kids. Needless to say it was appreciated by the hot, tired militiamen.

LOCAL VICTOR RECORDS NOW PLEASE TARS

Jackies at the Great Lakes Training Station are now enjoying music which once filled various homes in Downers Grove with melody.

The records were given by a number of citizens, at the suggestion of the local unit of the Woman's Committee of the council of National Defense. All of the records, and they numbered close to one hundred were good enjoyable pieces which had not been ground to death before being given to lighten the leisure time of the jackies.

The donors were: Mrs. T. H. Slusser and children; I. G. Heardt, Mrs. J. Staiger, Hammerschmidt, E. H. Huntington, M. E. Coleman, H. Woelfersheim, Jules Zindt, Skelly, P. Jones, H. D. Wylie, E. T. Lawrence, Wood, Lee Singletery, Wm. Bogart, Morton, Bertha Schultz, H. Boldeback, Motsett, G. H. Bunge.

RED CROSS NOW ESTABLISHED IN NEW QUARTERS

Old Congregational Church Fitted for all Sewing and Knitting Departments.

The Downers Grove branch of the Red Cross moved into its new quarters in the old Congregational church last week and regular work sessions are held there every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Since Nov. 1 last the workers have been occupying rooms in the Farmers & Merchants bank building, rent free. The donation of the use of these quarters by the Farmers & Merchants is the largest contribution yet made to the local unit. Not only do the bank officers and stockholders deserve the thanks given them by the Red Cross but also the thanks of the entire village because they have made it possible for the women to keep Downers Grove properly on the Red Cross map.

The use of the old Congregational church has been given to the Women's work committee by the church trustees. Not only have they donated the use of the building but also have gone to the expense of fixing it up properly. The new quarters are considerably larger than the old and many additional workers are wanted. They can be easily accommodated in the big space and they will find the church a most comfortable place during the summer.

It is hoped that not only can many more sewers be secured but that each will arrange to systematically serve—that is, set aside a half day, a day, two half days or more each week for service and religiously give those hours up to that one thing. Each worker can also, herself a certain amount of time and then if she can exceed that in some weeks so much the better.

The novelty of knitting seems to have worn off with some of the local women. We hope that the novelty of fighting won't wear off the same way with the American soldiers.

When J. H. Scott informed his hearers at Library Lawn last Sunday that one surgeon alone would use from six to eight thousands surgical dressings in the work he would do after one big battle the magnitude of the surgical dressing task of the Red Cross took more definite size in the minds of those women engaged in this work. This is more dressings than the Downers Grove workers have turned out in any month since they began work last year. This fact will spur the workers toward greater individual efficiency and induce them to recruit additional workers.

When a woman sews a hospital garment or makes a surgical dressing for the Red Cross she knows that some of her handiwork will be used "over there" in helping win the war.

Special music will be rendered by the Elmhurst College Quartette and by St. Paul's choir. The entertainment of out of town guests, of whom 125 are expected, is in charge of the Ladies Aid Society, who will serve supper at 6 o'clock in the church basement. During this supper a round-table will be conducted by Rev. C. F. Baumann of Aurora.

The Chicago Southwest District comprises four Sunday schools in Chicago, besides Lyons, Hinsdale, Naperville, Aurora, Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Elmhurst, Oak Park, Melrose Park, Bellwood and Downers Grove.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT OF HIGH AND GRADE SCHOOLS WAS FINE

Many Visitors Inspected Fruits of the Past Year's School Work at the South Building

The annual exhibit of work done by the local school children was held at the High School building last Thursday and Friday, hundreds of local people and visitors praising the excellency of the exhibits.

Every phase of school work which could be put on exhibition was seen, from the little drawings of the primary grades to the finished work of the high school. It was a more extensive showing than any to date and several departments never before represented as well as the north building sent samples of work accomplished.

The typewriting, shorthand and bookkeeping students' work showed up well, as did the penmanship. The girls sewing classes made dresses for the Belgium girls, besides creations for themselves. Those who know praised the needlework very highly.

As usual the center of attraction was the department under the direction of Mr. Hawley, the manual training.

A flat top desk, which Alexander Burns, now lying "somewhere over there," having given his life for humanity, had three quarters finished, came in for its just share of comment. It is a handsome piece of furniture, solid oak and finished with a dark stain. Mr. Burns had asked the school to put the best student on the finishing of the desk and Gilbert Under was picked. He greatly neglected his own work during the term to do justice to the job he volunteered for.

The manual training exhibits included a phonograph cabinet, Victrola style, which was designed and built by Raymond Wales. The finish was silver gray and the workmanship fine. Among the other pieces were a table and lamp by Gilbert Binder; Library table, Claire Goodman; Dressing table Winston Roth; Piano Benches, Paul Vix, Harold Grumhaus, and Kenneth Abbe; Cedar Chests, Roscoe Morton, Ralph Graves, Fred White, and Frank Dutton; Hall tree by Fred White and Poreh Swing by Warren Littleford, besides many smaller articles.

Among the visitors Friday afternoon were: County Superintendent of Schools, R. T. Morgan; Superintendent of the Wheaton schools, I. R. Russell; Superintendent of the West Chicago schools, H. H. Kirkpatrick and O. A. Waterman of Naperville. After viewing the showing they all pronounced the work excellent.

The grammar school service flag was also represented and the stars are for: Charles Carpenter, Walter Barrett, John Bryan, Arthur Dent, and Stanley Baron.

All Sunday School workers will be interested to know that on Sunday afternoon and evening, May twenty-sixth, St. Paul's Evangelical Church will entertain the convention of the Chicago Southwest District of Evangelical Sunday schools.

At the afternoon session at 3:00 o'clock, to which St. Paul's particularly invites the Sunday school workers of her sister churches in Downers Grove, the Rev. Wm. C. Krause of Melrose Park and the Rev. A. A. Amy of the DuPage Presbyterian church will be the speakers. Mr. Amy needs no further introduction to the people of Downers Grove. He is sure to impart valuable inspiration and practical advice out of successful experience.

For the evening, it is expected that Rev. Theodore Mayer, General Secretary of the Central Sunday School Board, with offices at St. Louis, will speak on Adult Bible Classes. Mr. Mayer will be among old friends, for he is really a Downers Grove boy, as his father was formerly pastor at Lace, and also preached regularly at Downers Grove before St. Paul's church was built. A special feature of the evening will be the showing of moving pictures of the Elmhurst Summer Training School for Sunday School teachers.

The hand of the war will be felt at the convention in the absence of many young men who have gone, since last spring's convention, to serve their flag. The president of the district, Mr. von Lanyi, of Chicago, is at Camp Grant, but it is hoped that he will be able to obtain a furlough for the day.