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"And The Star Spangled Banner Forever Shall Wave, Over The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave."

150 VISITORS AT S. S. CONVENTION HERE

Fine Programs Showed Interest Taken in Various Activities of Sunday School Work

With the most beautiful weather, visitors came in throngs by train and by automobile from Chicago, Aurora, Elmhurst, Hinsdale, Lyons, Oak Park, Bellwood and Melrose Park to attend the convention of the Chicago South-west district of Evangelical Sunday Schools at St. Paul's church last Sunday. The church was crowded both afternoon and evening.

At the afternoon session, the Rev. Mr. Amy of the DuPage Presbyterian church and the Rev. Mr. Krause of St. John's Evangelical church, Melrose Park, were the speakers. In the evening the Rev. Theodore Meyer of St. Louis, general secretary of the Evangelical Sunday School Board, delivered two lectures illustrated by stereopticon on the Elmhurst Summer Training School and on Adult Bible classes.

How "Christ for every life and all of life for Christ," can be realized thru the agency of the Sunday School as an educational, devotional and recreative program, was demonstrated out of the experience of his own church by Mr. Amy. There is a Sunday school where every Sunday has a different program, but never at the expense of the lesson, and always by some other member of the school. There is a school that follows its members into their weekday activities also, providing social recreation by games, "singings," and other activities.

The audience was much interested also in the way in which Saturday afternoon baseball put Sunday baseball out of business, in spite of the objections of tightwads who couldn't at first see their way clear to letting the boys off for play on Saturday afternoons.

The picture shown in the evening gave convincing proof in other ways of what live Sunday schools are doing to get the whole family into the Bible school. Mr. Meyer mentioned also the plan of the "Soldiers Home Department" as one of the ways in

which a Sunday school can follow the boys who follow the flag. Of the Elmhurst Summer Training School, Mr. Mayer quoted the words of Marion Lawrence: "One of the best in the world."

The Elmhurst College Quartet was once more heard with pleasure. The boys and girls of the Sunday school, with the help of teachers and mothers decorated the altar with a profusion of flowers. The greatest credit for the success of the convention belongs to the ladies, however, who gave without stint of their time and service, to entertain the guests.

The largest delegation came from Trinity church, Chicago, with over thirty present. This church reported a service flag with 67 stars. The past president of the district, Mr. von Lanyi, is among those in the service of their country. In his place, Prof. J. E. Schmale of Elmhurst was chosen president.

ZARN - SCHMIDT

On Saturday evening, May 18th in the presence of immediate relatives Miss Ida Zarn daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zarn and Fred D. Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, of Hinsdale, were married at the home of the bride on the Plank road.

Rev. Paul Crusius, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church performed the ceremony which made the happy pair man and wife.

Acting as bridesmaids were Miss Clara Zarn, sister of the bride and Miss Clara Herbert, while John Schmidt, a brother of the groom, was best man.

Immediately following the tying of the nuptial knot a bountiful wedding supper was served at which the bride and groom were showered with congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt will make their home at 105 Rogers street Downers Grove, after June first.

ADVERTISED MAIL

Downers Grove, Ill., May 28, '18
Advertised mail for the week ending June 1, 1918.

- L. A. Jousou
- Lizzie Roan
- Marguerite Morrell
- Cassy Lounsbury
- Mrs. Shultz
- Florence Clark
- Mrs. McCartney

Postmaster

DETAIL FROM CO. H. HELPED ESCORT HEROES

Four squads from Co. H. were in the parade in Chicago last Saturday as an honor escort to the 335 heroes from Belgium who have been fighting on the Russian front and now are on a trip around the world on the way back to the thick of the fighting on the Western front.

Each of them volunteered for service in Russia and after being in several of the big battles on the east front they were deserted by their Russian comrades in the Bolshevik movement and forced to make their way as best they could out of the country.

Almost everyone of these heroes who helped to stop the Germans in their mad drive to Paris in 1914, wear decorations for bravery on their khaki tunics.

In the parade around the loop the four squads from the local reserve militia unit were in charge of Lieut. Bennett and acted as the second platoon of Co. G, under the command of Captain Beatty of Hinsdale.

Wotin'ell's the matter with yuh guys?

Arthur D. Iehl is another member to go with the selected men to the army. He left yesterday evening for Ft. Thomas, Ky.

Those new cartridge belts or add extra weight and without the shells can properly be termed, "camouflage."

Members of the company who did not parade in Chicago last Saturday were detailed Monday night to step it off in the Memorial Day doings down the Boul Mich. Those who stood in line from 9:45 to 2:30 Saturday were very angry that they had not been included in yesterday's hike to 26th and Michigan and then those hot miles over the line of march. I said they were angry, but this does not hardly express their deep feeling.

Not having heard any new squad names a motion to adopt those as printed last week is in order.

Between hollering "sound off" and "squads right" at each other the first and second squads don't get much time to smoke while at rest.

CLASS OF 1918 GRADUATED AT M. E. CHURCH

On last Thursday night before a crowd that taxed the capacity of the Methodist church, the Senior Class marched slowly and with fitting dignity down the aisle, took their places on the platform in preparation for the event they had been looking forward to for four years. They entertained and instructed their admiring audience, sang their doleful class song, received their diplomas and was graduated from Downers Grove High School in due form.

This brief description does not do justice to the exercises, however. After the class had been ushered in by Miss Roe's beautiful processional, and the audience had sung the Star Spangled Banner, Rev. Schwab gave the invocation. Roy Bruns in the salutatory told what a pleasure it had been to the class to prepare the commencement program for their friends. This was followed by the singing of the Marseillaise.

"Our Support of Democracy," was the theme chosen by Leo Rogers for his oration. The many opportunities open to all of serving our country in this time of peril, were ably set forth.

The next number on the program was a piano solo given by Esther Klein. This is specially worthy of mention due to the fact that Miss Klein used only her left hand thru-out the whole selection.

Ernest Hammer Schmidt gave a brief survey of the history of the Red Cross. No one questions the efficacy of this institution but few are acquainted with the details of its history. For this reason this was exceedingly instructive.

The valedictory was given by Ruby Iehl. In it she emphasized the debt of service that each one owes to his fellowman and to humanity in general.

A quintette composed of Senior girls sang "Oh Land of Mine."

Mr. J. R. Shaffer, president of the Board of Education, in a few well chosen words presented the class with their diplomas.

The class song was sung, the benediction pronounced by Rev. I. M. Grey and the high school careers of twenty-seven young hopefuls had ended.

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WOMEN WORK IN WHEATON CAR BARN

Five women went to work Sunday night in the Wheaton car barns of the A. E. & C., taking the places of men who have left the company to enter the war or for other reasons. Seven more women started work Monday night.

None of the women appeared for duty wearing overalls, but will wear them as soon as they can get them. The women will clean out the cars, wash windows and do other work the men have been doing in the past. They are receiving the same pay as the men were getting.

MEN

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