

STREET SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE WAR ANNIVERSARY

The ushering in of the fifth year of the Great War will be the occasion for solemn observance next Sunday by the churches of Downers Grove, as, indeed, will be the case throughout all the Allied countries.

Morgan Williams, associate director of religious work of the Y. M. C. A. at Great Lakes, will be the principal speaker, and Yocman Koch, one of the finest soloists at Great Lakes, will sing.

Everybody is asked to come early to this meeting for a picture of the crowd which is to be taken. Come at 7:30 instead of 8:00, as usual.

It is to be remembered that this rally will aim at the fostering of true Christian patriotism, and that every one should cooperate in lending to the occasion the spirit of reverent devotion.

Owing to the crowds that are expected at this meeting, the Equipment and Ushers committees will greatly appreciate co-operation on the part of all in facilitating the seating, especially in parking automobiles or other vehicles.

Last Sunday evening's meeting was held in the Congregational church, owing to the rainy weather. A large audience was present notwithstanding the threatening weather.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. William McCarrell of Cleora, Ill. Mr. McCarrell is an energetic preacher, strong of body and earnest of spirit.

Choosing as his text the Gospel of John, Mr. McCarrell took his audience through the whole book, chapter by chapter, giving a twenty-one fold view of the "sufficiency of Christ."

Etiquette in Mexico. Travelers through Mexico report many peculiar customs which reflect the temperament of the people.

In the United States one often sees three men light their pipe from one match. It would be a gross insult in Mexico to offer a man a light from a match that had already started two cigarettes going.

VESTA CHAPTER GRAND MATRONS NIGHT

On Tuesday evening, July 30th, Vesta Chapter No. 242, O. E. S. held a special meeting to receive the Worthy Grand Matron on the occasion of her official visit of inspection.

The hall was most beautifully decorated with Old Glory and many flowers, and the committee on decoration is to be congratulated on the artistic arrangement.

In her address Mrs. McBride drew attention to the great amount of work being done by the order for the boys who have so bravely gone in defense of our country and urged upon the members to increase their exertions.

About 30 members of the order were present coming from Chicago, Joliet, Elgin, Aurora, Elmhurst, Maywood, Naperville, LaGrange and Berwyn.

The grand officers and several other visitors were also the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Olson earlier in the afternoon at their beautiful home.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COMPLETE SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young decided to celebrate the event of their 15th wedding anniversary, Tuesday, July 30th, quietly at a little "aner" party in the city, returning home on the 9:45 train but some of their friends decided that 10:45 was all too early to end such an eventful day.

After enjoying a musical program refreshments were served and owing to the lateness of the hour the party soon broke up.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White entertain Worthy Grand Matron of Illinois

On Tuesday, July 30th, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White entertained at a garden luncheon in honor of Mrs. Sadie R. McBride, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois.

Frogs That Have Hair. "Finer than frog hair" has long been a slang method of expressing the superlative degree.

From morning to night their fingers have been busy knitting the garments that will protect their loved ones from cold and storm.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DOWNERS GROVE BRANCH OF RED CROSS

At the annual meeting of the Downers Grove Branch of the Chicago Chapter, American Red Cross, the following directors were elected:

For three years, Mrs. J. D. Gillespie, Miss Fannie Stewart, Mrs. Frank Keiser, Mrs. C. W. VanBeynum and Frank Young.

These new directors will meet at Library Hall this Friday evening to elect a president, vice-president and secretary.

The annual meeting, which was held in the Methodist church last Friday evening, was attended by but one hundred people.

Attendance was poor. The public though, apprized of the meeting and cordially invited through the columns of the Reporter for several weeks, by window posters and moving picture theater slides during the preceding week and by dodgers on the day of the meeting evinced practically no interest.

Mr. Rathbone's Eloquent Address. Mr. Rathbone is an eloquent orator and delivered a very stirring address.

The Red Cross "Said Mr. Rathbone," is the organized mercy of the world. It is the embodiment of the spirit of unselfishness working for the relief of suffering humanity.

Without the Red Cross, war would be all cruelty-suffering-unrelieved, hatred-unrestrained - the torments of the body mingled with the cry of the soul for one ray of human sympathy.

If we cannot fight the battle for our country, we can at least relieve the distress of the defenders of our country. Our soldiers and sailors have given their all. They have left home and loved ones and friends, to face the storm of shot and shell.

Let us rally to the support of the Red Cross. It is the people's organization, the people's charity, the people's cause.

Numbers on the Program. The annual meeting was conducted by President Guy L. Bush in a very satisfactory manner to every one.

Frank Young acted as secretary and read the various reports. The singing of America at the opening and "The Star Spangled Banner" at the close, was led by B. L. Kellogg with Rev. Ira Gray at the piano.

Reports of Committees. The report of Mrs. J. D. Gillespie, chairman of the women's work committee, showed the following articles made and shipped by the branch during the past year:

Wristlets, 149 Helmets, 95 Scarfs, Grand total, 2,271, or an average of 44 articles a week.

They have embarked on vessels ploughing their way across the perilous deep beset by the lurking unseen foe. They have braved the danger of wounds and death.

They have torn their heart strings to give their loved ones to the cause of patriotism. They have shown the spirit of the Spartan mother who said to her son: "Return with your shield or upon it."

The American women have shown themselves worthy of the heroic women of our early history who braved the terrors of the ocean, of an inhospitable coast, of the savage wilderness, who tramped beside the ox teams and blazed a path across a continent side by side with their fathers and husbands and sons.

I know of no finer tribute to the women of those days, no truer appreciation of their inestimable value to our country than that which was paid them in one of the greatest of social and political philosophers who studied and wrote on the subject of America.

For centuries the great maxim of the law has been "No wrong without a remedy."

The glorious motto of the Red Cross is "No calamity without relief." Its mercy knows no boundary lines; its charity no race; its beneficence no creed.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Downers Grove is to have a very active part in the campaign for the Constitutional Convention vote, which will be taken at the fall election, November 5th of this year.

The present Illinois constitution was written nearly fifty years ago and it inadequately meets the need of our State to day.

Men of Downers Grove, it is your duty to inform yourselves of the importance of having a New Constitution for our State, and to go to the polls on November 5th, and vote as one man in favor of calling a constitutional Conventions.

Memorial Services Sunday Morning at St. Joseph's Church.

Sunday morning the eight o'clock service will be a high Mass in memory of Harry McAllister who was killed in action.

Word has been received from Mrs. C. R. Bower; that they are nicely located at Auburn, Alabama.

I wish to thank Mr. Swearingen in behalf of the Red Cross department for sending the morning Tribune on our working days.

A number of Downers people attended the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank picnic at Dellwood park near Joliet, among them were Mr. and Mrs. Prickett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pearce.

CO. H. SOAKED AT REGIMENTAL DRILL SUNDAY

The Regimental formation, at Oak Park and River Forest, Sunday was a huge success from several different viewpoints.

It might well be called a regimental bath or regimental wash day or regimental anything having to do with water, as from the water standpoint we can unhesitatingly say that every man in the regiment, yes even Col. Wilson were drenched to the skin.

The exercise was one however that will not be soon forgotten, either by the men or the people of Oak Park and River Forest.

We assembled at the athletic field in Oak Park, in high spirits, dry as to uniforms and only Downs and Balsby a trifle moist from perspiration.

We marched, and marched some more until we thought we would all "go West." Our destination lay a mile and a half from the ball field directly in the path of the storm.

As chairman of the membership committee Mayor John F. Kidwell reported the collection of \$525 for a total of 451 memberships.

Several truck loads of soldiers coming from the races at Speedway passed the guards on the way home and mistook them for rookies.

Aside from Ehninger's and Ericson's punctures and Gallup's running in the ditch the day was without trouble.

The numerous "dry land" members of the company were at last made to enjoy drilling in the wet.

Pvt. Waples went back to childhood and paddled joyously in the water running in the cudder.

Drill was postponed to Wednesday evening so as the members could get thoroughly dried out.

Supplementing the report of Co. H. in last week's issue, mention was inadvertently omitted of the work and interest productive of financial results rendered by Mr. Julius Severns, who donated the pillow for the raffle and himself sold a large number of tickets.

Mrs. C. H. Dicke was also omitted unintentionally in the list of contributors. Mr. Dicke besides donating the hall for the dance, also lent his co-operation toward the financial benefit of the Company.

Mrs. C. H. Dicke also contributed by hard work to make the commissary a success, also the Dicke boys lent their assistance in several directions.

The Reporter must not be forgotten for its share in co-operating in the way of giving space to the publicity for all Company affairs.

The ladies who contributed cakes, and also their active services for the various events should receive proper credit and we would like very much to name them individually, were the task not so large.

Mrs. L. E. Jones and her card party committee must not be left out of the records of the Company workers, their work was evident in figures shown in the financial statement.

We would like to mention each worker individually as stated before, and if we have omitted anyone we crave your indulgence, and assure each and all that their efforts are appreciated by the officers and members of the Company and by the committee at large.

B. E. BALZYSKI, Captain Commanding Company H.