

COMMITTEE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS HOLDS CONFERENCE

Executive Committee Issues Union Sunday School Picnic Statement

The Executive Committee of the Downers Grove Sunday Schools held a conference Tuesday evening, August 18th, for the purpose of settling up all matters pertaining to the Union Sunday School Picnic recently held at Naperville Park.

The general financial statement indicated that the affair was a great success from that standpoint, as well as from the standpoint of attendance. A resume of Treasurer Bruns' report is as follows:

Total Receipts	
Railroad Fares	\$ 78.99
Refreshment Stands	193.57
Total	\$272.47
Total Disbursements	
Railroad Fares	
(Paid CB&QRR)	\$167.20
Supplies, etc.	182.44
Total	\$349.69
Receipts	272.47
Total Deficit	\$ 77.22

The deficit of \$77.22 was apportioned among the five participating Sunday Schools on basis of the number of railroad tickets used. The total cost to each school was very nominal, and much less than what the expense has been in years past when individual picnics have been held.

Everyone was well pleased with the successful outcome of the union picnic that it was unanimously voted to keep the present organization intact, and the Chairman, Ralph Rasmussen, was instructed to call a meeting of the Committee early in June next year for the purpose of giving consideration to the plan of holding another union Sunday school picnic in 1919.

It is hoped that the plan which worked out so well this year will become an established custom in Downers Grove.

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank all those who served on the various committees for their assistance in making the picnic a success. The Committee also appreciates the cooperation received from The Downers Grove Reporter in connection with the publicity given through its columns.

Executive Committee, E. F. Lacey, Sec.

THE NEW DRAFT AND COLLEGE STUDY

The new draft bill as now practically agreed upon includes men from eighteen to forty-five years. The Government desires to make this a means to more schooling instead of less. The patriotic slogan now is, Keep the boy now in school. National, state and local authorities are organizing a drive to this end. The colleges of Illinois joined in the movement at the Auditorium, Aug. 13. Wheaton College hereby announces its plans to carry into effect this new draft order.

Du Page County boys should take Men of college grade from eighteen years up may take their military training in college instead of in camp. Wheaton College has two men in Ft. Sheridan in preparation to teach the up-to-date military training during the coming college year.

The advantage of going to college rather than camp for training is that the student will be getting his college education along with his military and thus be more eligible for promotion and a commission. He will be enlisted and equipped by the Government but receive no pay. But chiefly he will be preparing for the larger patriotic service after the war.

The Academy at Wheaton College offers the same opportunity for men of lower school grades.

Boys under eighteen should be in school too and push their studies as fast as possible in anticipation of their arrival at draft age. The college is planning a public meeting in each near-by town for enrolling students and explaining this great opportunity for young men.

Provision is made for courses in Wheaton College of largest patriotic need: Chemistry, Physics, Stenography, French, Spanish, and the required Mathematics, all counted toward A. B. Degree, and accredited in the best universities.

We the undersigned Officers and Citizens of Du Page heartily commend the foregoing movement for school and college study, and advise every boy to get into school, particularly those of draft age to take their military training in college if possible.

S. L. Rathje, County Judge
Chas. W. Hadley, States Attorney
R. T. Morgan, County Superintendent of Schools.
N. E. Matter, County Treasurer
A. A. Kuhn, County Clerk
John F. Hesterman, County Sheriff

SURGICAL DRESSING CLASS PICKING OAKUM FOR PADS

Oakum picking is the fashion at present. When a person's clothes and hair smell of tar these days you know they are working for the boys over there.

The oakum, which is jute fibre prepared with tar, comes in bales and has to be picked over very carefully before being put into dressings. A hundred twenty pounds of it were made for the 720 pads to be made this month. To show the tediousness of the picking one has to take this fact only into consideration—thirty women, all good workers, spent all Monday evening picking over six pounds, or one-twenty-fourth of the entire amount to be picked.

The problem of getting it all taken care of was solved by Mrs. E. J. Matson who started the plan of taking it home and dividing it up among the neighbors. This scheme developed into afternoon and evening picking parties. The women had the assistance at home and at these sessions of their husbands and their children, both boys and girls.

Oakum is a vegetable fibre, not unlike cotton or hemp, from India. It is used in India for cloths of all kinds, for false hair and costumes at carnivals and for rope. Commercially it is used for making rope, hessian yarn, gunny sacks, scrim, Brussels and Wilton carpets and matting. Combined with cotton or flax it is used in many kinds of cloth.

The most impressive thing about oakum is its odor. Like the Quaker Oats smile it won't come off. Somebody else said "the flavor lasts." But if the soldiers are game to face bullets the women won't kick about a little odor.

More Workers Get Crosses At Surgical Dressing Class

The following have earned crosses since the last publication.

- 128 hours. 1 bar
Mrs. Walter J. Staata.
- 72 hours. 2 crosses
Mrs. A. G. Michel, Mrs. E. Matson
Mrs. F. Harper, Miss Delight Verdinus, Mrs. Rose Waples, Mrs. Balczynski.
- 82 hours. 1 cross
Mrs. C. Shambo, Miss A. Kinner, Miss G. Stover, Miss Madeline Hughes, Miss F. Stewart, Miss Edith Earnest, Miss Mathew, Miss Catharine Morgan, Miss Hester Moore, Miss L. Sherman, Miss Marjorie Whiffen, Mrs. F. B. Tapley, Mrs. F. Lancaster, Mrs. L. E. Jones, Mrs. H. Pfaff, Mrs. H. Darnley, Miss Blanche Vallance.

WESTERN NEWS

Dr. B. C. Davies of Los Angeles is now in the Government service in the Middle West.

While crossing on a ferry boat to San Francisco recently, Miss Nellie Carpenter encountered her old classmate, Mr. Edwin Pridham, accompanied by his wife and little girl. She learned he was about to leave for Washington in connection with Government work he is doing.

Mrs. Carpenter and her daughter have been guests at a house party at Ben Lomond, in the Santa Cruz mountains, for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Fry plan to spend part of their vacation this month in the same picturesque region, and possibly take a trip into the Big Basin country near there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huling went to Forest Home, a resort in the scenic high Sierras near Redlands, for a week in July. They occupied a tent on a bluff above a raging stream and enjoyed the swimming, dancing and other diversions provided.

Mrs. J. B. Huling and her two daughters were entertained by friends at Redondo Beach for a week last month. The girls took their first dips in the "briny". They called on Mrs. Jessie Crouse Franklin not long ago and passed a pleasant afternoon recalling their relatives and mutual friends in the Grove.

Mrs. Huling and the girls have united with the First Baptist Church in Los Angeles. Mrs. Huling gives much of her time to sewing under official relief auspices for destitute peoples in the war-torn countries. Miss Julia is taking a course at the business college and her sister Margaret is in charge of the reception room shared by a dentist and physician, during the remaining weeks of vacation.

Mrs. E. Rutherford has given up her apartment and is again living with her sister. She and Mrs. Huling hope to visit Mrs. Aiford after the latter returns from her stay in the East, to her home in Ontario, Cal.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I herewith announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer on the Republican ticket at the Primaries to be held Wednesday, Sept. 11th.

John F. Hesterman.

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL ORDER NO. 40.

Washington, D. C., August 18, 1915 To all employees in the railroad service of the United States:

Complaints have reached me from time to time that employees are not treating the public with as much consideration and courtesy under Government control of the railroads as under private control. I do not know how much courtesy was accorded the public under private control, and I have no basis, therefore, for accurate comparison. I hope, however, that the reports of discourtesy under Government administration of the railroads are correct, or that they are at least confined to a relatively few cases. Whatever may be the merits of these complaints, they draw attention to a question which is of the utmost importance in the management of the railroads.

For many years it was popularly believed that "the public be damned" policy was the policy of the railroads under private control. Such a policy is indefensible either under private control or Government control. It would be particularly indefensible under public control when railroad employees are the direct servants of the public. "The public be damned" policy will under no circumstances be tolerated on the railroads under Government control. Every employee of the railroad should take pride in serving the public courteously and efficiently. Courtesy costs nothing and when it is dispensed, it makes friends of the public and adds to the self-respect of the employee.

My attention has also been called to the fact that employees have sometimes offered as an excuse for their own shortcomings, or as a justification for delayed trains or other difficulties the statement that "Uncle Sam is running the railroads now" or "These are McAdoo's orders," etc. Nothing could be more reprehensible than statements of this character, and nothing could be more hurtful to the success of the Railroad Administration or to the welfare of railroad employees themselves. No doubt, those who have made them have done so thoughtlessly in most instances, but the harm is just as great if a thing of this sort is done thoughtlessly as if it is done deliberately.

There are many people who for partisan or selfish purposes wish Government operation of the railroads to be a failure. Every employee who is dis courteous to the public or makes excuses or statements of the kind I have described, is helping these partisan or selfish interests to discredit Government control of railroads.

Recently the wages of railroad employees were largely increased, involving an addition to railroad operating expenses of more than \$473,000,000 per annum. In order to meet this increase, the public has been called upon to pay largely increased passenger and freight rates. The people have accepted this new burden cheerfully and patriotically. The least that every employee can do in return is to serve the public courteously, faithfully and efficiently.

A great responsibility and duty rest upon the railroad employees of the United States. Upon their loyalty, efficiency and patriotism depends in large part America's success and the overthrow of the Kaiser and all that he represents. Let us not fail to measure up to our duty, and to the just demand of the public that railroad service shall not only be efficient, but that it shall always be courteously administered.

W. G. McAdoo
Director General of railroads.

MOTHERS OF THE 149TH HEAR ABOUT THEIR BOYS

Some of the mothers of Battery C. of the 149th, Rainbow Division, attended the Patriotic meeting held in Fullerton Hall, at Art Building, on Tuesday, August 20th, to hear Sergeant McCartney, of Battery C, speak of the great work our sons are doing over there. Mothers who did not attend this meeting do not know what they missed. Sgt. McCartney said every mother should be proud she has a son in the 149th, Rainbow Division and he believes a special Providence is watching over our boys. He told us mothers where our boys had been, what they are doing and how they are. He is a famous horse shoer, and knows our sons who have horses to care for. Sgt. McCartney is going back soon to the battle fields of France. He left a cheery word for every mother who attended this meeting and all went home with a lighter heart than when she went there.

DOWNERS GROVE GALAXY OF SHOOTING STARS

Oh! Where! Oh! Where are the officers? Co. H is in trouble. Capt. Bal is at Camp Steever and Lieut. Bennett is in the service As a result there was no drill last Monday evening. (To the great sorrow of the militiamen.)

Lest we forget the picnic Labor Day

If we don't get a new Lieut. before long we may get used to hearing Capt. Bal again.

Rookies! Turn your periscopes this way! Practice designating your right side from your left and also be able to master your heel and toe movements by Monday evening.

Only a little news of our Captain and three Sergeants at Camp Steever has been received. We take it for granted that they are working too hard to tell us of their sore feet and tiredness. This much we have heard: 5:45; the sharp note of the bugle calls the men from bed and hastily they must don their khaki's as mess is a six bells.

From six to seven the camp work is done and after inspection a good stiff drill is in order until noon when "chow" is served. And after "chow" there is more drill and Sgt. Carpenter adds there is still more and still more.

At four o'clock a swim is in order and Capt. Bal says that no one misses this. (We don't either when "Bill" Eichelman has anything to say!)

After mess everyone studies his I. D. R. and when taps are sounded the bed looks like a dream.

The first we heard about the camp was about the good cats and the fact no one has been heard of missing a meal.

When the Capt. gets back we expect to hear more and not only hear about the things he learned to do but also to put them in practice.

A baseball game between Co. G of Hinsdale and Co. H of Downers is assured for the picnic Labor Day. If Co. H is to win we need your support, so, "up and at'em".

It seems to be worrying Co. H men who will get the Lieut's job. We recommend ex-corporal Tank of the sixth squad as he has been recommended for every position in his company. We know Pvt. Downs and H. P. Jones will be in favor of his appointment.

We forgot to mention in last week's "Squiblets" that the first and third squads reported "all present." Sure! Sgt. Carpenter never heard that for many moons.

Again we ask you to bring yourself and your money to the picnic Labor Day. Pvt. Jones, who is the boss of the picnic, says he sure about the money.

Why not be a Co. H recruit? Help us crush the rioting brute!

RACE PROGRAM FOR McHENRY COUNTY FAIR

Prospects Are Good for Big Field of Good Horses and Fast Races

PROGRAM	
Wednesday, August 28	
2:14 Pace	Purse \$400.00
2:22 Trot	300.00
3:00 County Mixed	200.00

Thursday, August 29	
2:17 Pace	Purse \$400.00
2:30 Trot	300.00
2:25 Pace	300.00
County Running Race	50.00

Friday, August 30	
2:18 Trot	Purse \$400.00
2:20 Pace	300.00
Free For All Running	50.00

Visit the McHenry County Fair at Woodstock, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 27, 28, 29, 30. Bring your exhibits and attend each day of the Fair.

A big race program including harness and running races each day of the McHenry County Fair at Woodstock.

Hear the Jackie Band of fifty pieces at the County Fair at Woodstock on Friday, August 30.

Cable orders from Y. M. C. A. headquarters in France call for 2,000 fountain pens to be shipped immediately.

In ten months 365,000 tubes of tooth paste have been shipped by the Y. M. C. A. to soldiers overseas.

The Y. M. C. A. has established two huts for soldiers in Italy above the clouds and on the snow line.

The Y. M. C. A. workers with the Italian troops are getting supplies to their stations in the mountains by using pack mule trains.

LEAGUE TO RUN TWO MOVING PICTURE SHOWS

Motion Picture Benefit Performances To Be Given By The Community League

Plans have been completed for two motion picture benefit performances in the village in September. These will be given by the Community League and the funds will be used entirely for war purposes.

One of the chief purposes is to equip the old Congregational Church, which has been given over to the Red Cross workers for the period of the war, with a much needed furnace, running water on the main floor, a toilet and a few repairs required to make the quarters satisfactory in cold weather. Coal bills will also have to be paid and as the Community League will hereafter finance practically all war activities in the village the organization will need funds at all times. Its treasury is now in satisfactory condition but not in such shape that it can meet unusual expenditures of the sort outlined above.

On Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 9 and 10 the shows will be at the Curtiss Theatre and on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 16 and 17 at the Dickie Theatre. Both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Dickie are donating the use of their playhouses for this event as well as the lights, the services of operators and musicians, again demonstrating their public spirit.

Victor Peterson is donating the tickets and doggers to be used.

About the only expense to come out of the proceeds is the war tax so that the entire amount collected will be nearly net for the Community League.

There will be just 500 tickets sold for each performance, or a total of 2,000. The price will be 30 cents, which will include war tax. Considering the high class of productions that have been secured and the fact they will be too long for more than one performance an evening, this admission fee is unusually low.

Messrs. Dickie and Campbell have secured films, from the exchanges which they patronize, without cost. Mr. Dickie announces "For France," one of the greatest productions that the war has inspired. Mr. Campbell is keeping his program a secret but assures a surprise.

The committee of the Community League in charge of these events consists of L. B. Wells, chairman, J. L. Remmers, Charles Mochel, Mrs. J. D. Gillespie and B. E. Balczynski.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The Y. M. C. A. Eagle Hut of London provides a satisfying meal for the soldiers and sailors for fourteen cents.

Sixty British Y. M. C. A. workers, twenty-five women and thirty-five men, have been honored for their overseas work by appointments to Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

On the assumption that a "singing army is a winning army", the Y. M. C. A. is recruiting men who can go overseas to teach men to sing. This is an opportunity for song and choir leaders. Mass singing is now practiced in all American camps as well as in the American Expeditionary Force now in France.

Two million copies of the New Testament, vest-pocket size and in waterproof covers are being printed by the Y. M. C. A. for distribution in the army and navy. The edition for the navy is to be bound in blue and the one for the army in green.

Miss Elsie Janis, American actress and Polin, the noted French impersonator, are two of the artists who are assisting the Y. M. C. A. in entertaining the American soldiers in France.

All over the war zone American soldiers are seeking religious services, often at the additional risk of their lives. They assemble in places as unusual as were the meeting places of the early Christians NO matter how dangerous the position, the American soldier always welcomes the Y. M. C. A. secretary who risks his life to reach them to hold Sunday services. A shell crater in No Man's Land was the strangest place in which a "Y" man held services.

Fifteen miles of new moving picture films are shipped each week to the war zone for the entertainment of America's overseas force. This amusement on celluloid is provided by the Y. M. C. A. working with the Community Motion Picture Bureau. The pictures are shown in the Y. M. C. A. huts almost up to the very front line.

Seventy thousand cakes for training camps and Y. M. C. A. canteens are made every week at the Y. M. C. A. bakery in Northampton, England.

In the United States camps and cantonments the Y. M. C. A. gives more than 6,000 entertainments every month.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

The "Star-Spangled Banner" was composed under the following circumstances:

It was on the evening of September 13, 1814, during the "War of 1812," that a British fleet was anchored in Chesapeake Bay. A Dr. Beanes, an old resident of Upper Marlborough, Maryland, had been captured by the British and sent as a prisoner to Admiral Cochrane's flagship.

Francis Scott Key, a young lawyer of Baltimore, hearing of the misfortune of Dr. Beanes, who was his personal friend, hastened to the British commander to endeavor to have his friend released. The enemy was about to attack Fort M'Henry, so refused to allow Mr. Key and Dr. Beanes to return until the fort was captured.

All through the night of September 13, the bombardment was kept up, and in the light of the "rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air," they could see the American flag still waving over the old fort. And when, in the first rays of dawn of September 14, he still beheld the same glorious banner waving from its accustomed place, Francis Scott Key wrote the words of that wonderful song, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The next day Key went ashore, and after copying his poem showed it to a friend and relative, Judge Nicholson, who saw its worth and at his suggestion it was printed. Soon after it was adapted to an old English air known as "To Anacreon in Heaven", the composition of which is credited to John Stafford Smith, who is supposed to have written the music some time between 1770 and 1775. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was first sung in public by Ferdinand Durang, an actor, in a tavern near the Holiday Street Theater in Baltimore, Md.

The flag of Fort M'Henry, which inspired this song, is still owned and kept by Mr. Eben Appleton, of Yonkers, N. Y. whose grandfather was one of the soldiers at the fort. This flag was made by a daughter of Rebecca Young, who had made the first flag carried by the Revolutionary soldiers, and, 7th commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the writing of the song, a buoy, on which is painted red and white stripes and white stars on a blue field, has been anchored in Baltimore harbor as nearly as possible to the spot where Mr. Key, on the British ship, wrote the song, and, if you ever visit Baltimore, you should go out to see it.

Francis Scott Key was the son of John Ross Key, an officer of the Revolutionary army. He was born August 1, 1779, and died January 11, 1843, leaving "The Star-Spangled Banner" as a monument to his patriotic spirit, and an inspiration to his countrymen.

A. P. Daniel.

WAR TIME INDUSTRY GIRLS CANNING CLUB

One of the most interesting and useful war time industries is being carried on in the High School by the Girls Canning Club.

Every day except Monday and Saturday these busy bees work under the direction of Miss McElwain, an expert teacher, and while they can the surplus garden products and practice true conservation, they are having a good time.

The Khaki Kids and the Sorority Girls have a contest to see which can do the most work.

If you send your own jars and vegetables the price for canning is \$1.00 per dozen. For goods already canned, the prices are:

- Tomatoes, quart..... 25c
 - Apples, quart..... 25c
 - String beans, quart..... 30c
 - Corn, pint..... 20c
- For information or orders, call the School, 83 R, or morning and evening, Mrs. Straube, 130 W.

The proceeds go to patriotic purposes so patronize the Girls Canning Club.

RED CROSS DONATIONS

Among the new things installed this week at the Red Cross headquarters are a new cupboard for surgical dressing materials and a neat bulletin board for the use of all departments. The lumber for the cupboard was purchased from a donation made to the department and the work on it was done at the Potter Lumber & Mfg. Company's plant without charge. The branch is indebted to Secretary Harry Bryce for securing this very much needed piece of furniture. Through the same source frames for making oakum pads were secured at practically no cost.

Another new feature at the Red Cross Rooms is a wall clock donated by Miss Stewart. The donation was needed and is very much appreciated by all the workers.