

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETING

Celebrate Illinois Centennial in Library Hall, Wednesday Afternoon, Sept. 10th.

The opening meeting of the Downers Grove Woman's Club was held Wednesday afternoon in Library Hall. The occasion was a celebration of the Illinois Centennial. At one o'clock about one hundred members of the club sat down to a delicious luncheon served by the House and Social Committee.

At the close of the luncheon the following program was given: Song by the Camp Fire Girls after which the club sang Illinois.

Annual address of the President, Mrs. T. F. Kelley. Thumb Nail Sketch of Illinois, by Mrs. Lemon.

A Group of Indian Songs by Mrs. Rassweiler. Reminiscences of Downers Grove, by Mrs. J. R. Foster.

History of Starved Rock, by Mrs. H. P. Jones. Sketch of Lincoln, by Mrs. G. C. Butler.

Sketch of Grant, by Mrs. T. H. Slusser. Sketch of Logan, by Mrs. T. A. Verdinius.

The annual reception of the Club will be given on Friday night, October 11th. Each member has the privilege of inviting one guest. The following interesting program will be given. Piano Solo, Mrs. Boaz.

Violin Selection, Miss Norpel. Reading, Mrs. Feasley. Solo, Mr. M. E. Coleman.

While someone gives his life - what are you giving? - think a minute

Surgical dressing work will be resumed by the local branch of the Red Cross with an initial session of new junior workers, Saturday afternoon.

The regular sessions for adult workers will commence next Monday afternoon at two o'clock and will hereafter be held Monday and Friday afternoons and Monday and Thursday evenings.

The new junior group will turn out the flat dressings in this quota, consisting of gauze compresses and gauze rolls.

The work for the seniors will be army pads for the next six weeks. All of the various divisions of the Red Cross have been assigned allotments of these by the army and all for the Central division will be made by the Chicago chapter through its central work shop and its branches and auxiliaries. The fine record made by the Chicago on surgical dressings is responsible for this order. The pads in dimensions and style differ from any made by the Red Cross for its own hospitals of dressing stations.

The Downers Grove branch has given an unusually large quota and a full attendance of workers is desired. It is hoped that all who have been doing this work will be present as many times each week as possible and that the workers, now idle will turn in and help.

The new junior group will be in charge of Mrs. B. E. Balczynski.

Knitters have again been asked to take up work. Mrs. F. E. Keiser has a new supply of yarn and is anxious to get it quickly into the hands of volunteer workers. They are requested not only to take the yarn but to hasten their garments to completion and turn them in.

The more quickly the raw material is turned into garments the more quickly can new supplies be secured.

The furnace in the Red Cross headquarters has been repaired and the rooms will be one of the comfortable places in the village. The Community League has taken care of this improvement and will make further changes for the comfort of the workers. It will supply fuel.

The week of December 16 to 23 has been announced for the annual membership drive. No campaign for money contributions will be made in connection with this. Only memberships will be sought. While the drive will be for annual memberships at a cost of \$1.00 it is hoped that one \$2.00 membership can be placed in each home so that the Red Cross magazine will have a good circulation in the village. Both the membership and publishing departments of the Red Cross have now become efficiently organized and there will be a minimum of errors on memberships this year. Last year the sudden growth of the society from two to twenty million resulted in many mistakes.

ANNUAL Y. P. A. CONVENTION BIG SUCCESS

The 21st Annual Convention of the Y. P. A. of the Evangelical Church Association

The 21st Annual Convention of the Chicago District Union of the Young Peoples Alliance of the Evangelical Association convened here in the First Evangelical Church on the evening of October 4th at 7:45 o'clock.

Mr. Theo. Heintz of Chicago, President of the Union, called the convention to order and presided throughout. After preliminary song and devotional services Mr. Paul Boldebeck, President of the local Alliance, delivered the address of welcome to which Mr. Heintz responded for the Union. After a number by the choir, Prof. E. N. Himmel of Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois, who is a Second Lieutenant in the Student Army Training Corps established there, spoke to us on the subject "The Fight for Character." It was a very fine address of literary beauty and spiritual inspiration to all. The evening service closed with the registering of delegates and their assignment to various homes of our hospitable Evangelical people.

Saturday was a busy and pleasant day for all. At 9:45 a. m. Prof. E. N. Himmel delivered a second address upon "The Discovery and use of Our Talents." At 2:00 p. m. Prof. L. C. Smith, Supt. of Public Schools at Chatsworth, Illinois and Vice-President of the Illinois Branch of the Y. P. A. read a paper and led in the discussion of "The Daily Bible Readers Course." Then followed the annual business meeting and election.

At 6:00 p. m. in the church parlors a fellowship supper was served to forty delegates and members of the local Alliance. A trip to the woods had yielded many colored autumn leaves and wild flowers which, with Japanese lanterns, made the supper room a fairyland. After a generous three course supper a cheerful program followed, consisting of special songs, a short address by Rev. J. S. Stamm, the speaker of the evening, and several taking charades and riddles.

At 7:15 p. m. Saturday came the patriotic service. Henry W. Bruns conducted a short patriotic song service, which was followed by the address of Rev. J. S. Stamm, former pastor here, now of Oak Park, Illinois, and recent Camp Pastor at Camp Grant. He put before us in stirring words the duty of Christians in these days. First to win the war, and then second to do our "best" not our "bit" to make this world Christian in spirit and truly "safe for democracy."

Sunday was an ideal, fair autumn day and the delegates and visiting young people flocked in from Chicago and its suburbs. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. was a busy and happy hour. At 11:00 a. m. Bishop L. H. Seager preached for us a powerful sermon on "The Challenge of Unconquered Land." Again at 2:30 p. m. he thrilled us to a renewed loyalty and consecration to our Christian duty and ideals and a third time at 7:15 the bishop spoke to a packed auditorium upon "Thou Art—Thou Shalt Be." We shall not soon forget the wonderful way in which we were stirred to our innermost depths and led to resolve to undertake greater things as individuals and as alliances for the Kingdom of God among men.

Resolutions of appreciation were read by the secretary of the Union for the cordial hospitality of the Downers Grove people and for the soulful messages of the convention speakers.

The convention was brought to a successful close amid rich social and spiritual fellowship and good feeling. The evening trains took away all our visitors. The convention has come and gone but the golden halo of its challenge to larger Christian services still lingers in blessing among us.

ECK-TROWBRIDGE

Mr. Lloyd C. Trowbridge and Miss Margaret Eck, of Chicago, former parishoners of Rev. Ira M. Grey, were married at the latter's home on Saturday, October 5th. Mr. Trowbridge is in the U. S. Navy, having been at Great Lakes for nearly a year. Both young people were Sunday School pupils in Mr. Grey's church at Irving Park, Chicago. They will make their home in Chicago.

MOTHERS CLUB TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

On Tuesday, October 15th at 2:30 in the Kindergarten, the Mothers Club will hold its first meeting of the year. The afternoon will be in charge of Miss Morse who will speak to the mothers, after which there will be a revue of the work of the summer as well as plans made for the club's work during the coming winter.

Refreshments will be served. All those interested in the aims and activities of the Mothers Club are cordially invited to attend this meeting and bring their friends.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION?

Reasons Why All Citizens Should Vote Yes At The Election November 5th.

The time is rapidly approaching when the voters of the State will have the privilege of deciding whether or not we are to have Constitutional Convention, and later a new constitution for Illinois. On November 5th you are to vote for or against the question, and how can you vote intelligently either way unless you have informed yourselves regarding the matter?

If you already realize the importance of having a new constitution for Illinois, then won't you take it upon yourselves to talk with your neighbors and friends about it and do everything in your power towards securing a favorable vote for the issue at the November election? It means so much to the citizens of Illinois whether we shall have a new constitution or not, if every dweller in a city in Illinois could be made to see what advantages would come to his city through having a new constitution, he would surely vote YES for the Constitutional Convention. If every farmer in Illinois could understand how he would be benefited in the way of a revision of the State taxation system, he would vote YES for a Constitutional Convention.

Some uninformed individuals have conceived the idea, that because the women of the State were interested in the subject, that it was just a matter of women's suffrage, and have given no further thought to the matter. This is a mistaken idea. There are so many necessary changes for the good of our State, and the question of women's suffrage is but one of them. The women are only co-operating with the great body of loyal, patriotic, thinking men of the State who are working heart and soul for the issue.

Did you know that our present constitution forbids the submitting of amendments to more than one article at any one session of the legislature or amending the same article oftener than once in four years? This makes it impossible to materially change the constitution, except over a long period of time. It is obvious that modern conditions call for important amendments and many changes.

Did you know that our present constitution covers much detail as to the management of cities, the election and power of various officials, especially judges and the political divisions in counties and municipalities? This makes it necessary for our State Legislature to be in session for a much longer period of time than would be otherwise needful, deciding matters for the city of Chicago for instance, all of such matters should be decided by the city government itself. This means that the tax payers of the state have added expenses which they would not have should Illinois vote for a new constitution.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDFUL

First: Greater freedom and control by cities of their local affairs. Second: The unification and consolidation of the various governments of Chicago and of other cities in the State. Third: Revision of State taxation system. Fourth: Reorganization

of the machinery and procedure of the courts, providing for more effective work and lessening the law's delays. Fifth: A shorter ballot. Sixth: Giving women the right of equal suffrage at all elections. Seventh: Greater freedom in amending the constitution.

It ought to bring a glow of satisfaction to the heart of every voter in the State to realize that he had done his part toward advancing the interests of his state and helping it move forward to greater fields of usefulness.

Bring such a glow to YOUR heart by voting YES for a Constitutional Convention when you go to the polls on November 5th.

Streets and Highways can be finished

The County Superintendent of Highways has received orders from the United States Highways Council to the effect that Contractors and others engaged in the construction of streets, pavements and roadways now substantially under way are authorized to continue such construction and manufacturers and distributors of and dealers in materials used in connection therewith may continue to furnish same for such construction work up to November 1st, 1918. Applications for permits should be promptly made to the United States Highways Council through the State Highway Department for the completion of all such work now under contract and under construction which cannot be completed prior to November 1st. No new contracts for the maintenance or reconstruction of pavements and highways should be entered into or new construction not now in progress undertaken either prior or subsequent to November first without first obtaining a permit from the United States Highways Council through the State Highway Department.

In view of the absolute necessity of providing for military and naval purposes such large quantities of steel and iron, it is the opinion of the United States Highways Council that street and highway bridge improvement be stopped except in case of absolute necessity.

Public officials are reminded that the United States Highways Council looks to them for assistance in reducing to a minimum the bridge materials required.

Imperfect Shooting Laws.

We have federal laws protecting migratory birds during certain periods, and the government has established many reservations for them. But the laws of our various states are conflicting and confusion often results, to the detriment of the birds.

No better illustration of this can be found than with the robin. In the North it is protected all the year around as a songster. It flies to the North early in the spring and is looked after and cared for until late in the fall. It then goes South, where several of the states allow it to be killed, and it is actually sold in the open markets of a number of Southern cities.

But the general attitude of the people toward birds is changing for the better in all the states, South included. We are coming to understand them—North and South and with better understanding there comes greater encouragement.—Pennsylvania Grit.

Optimistic Thought.

It is more laborious to conquer one's self than an enemy.

OUT FOR A RECORD

Liberty Loan Drive Here Sure To Be A Success. Downers Grove Going Over The Top.

Downers Grove, as was to be expected with its service flag so thickly studded with stars, came to the front nobly in the first days of the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive.

At house after house visited by the Liberty Bond Salesmen subscriptions were ready and waiting for the application blanks. In many cases the response was more liberal than possibly the circumstances of the subscribers warranted, and taken generally a wave of patriotic enthusiasm was apparent as the drive progressed.

Here and there it is true there were found those whose investment in the securities of the nation, the solid backing for the boys at the front was not in line with their known financial condition but these cases were and are rare and the response on the whole was greater than at first thought possible.

All the returns are not yet in but the committee working under the leadership of Mayor Kidwell and Samuel Curtiss, regularly appointed by the State Council of Defense to head the Liberty Loan committee in the village already has checked in more than \$114,000.

Many who made application for bonds expressed a desire to do more before the drive was completed and these are now being given an opportunity to increase their subscriptions.

Much to the chagrin of the committee chairman there were a few only a few cases, of persons who flatly refused to buy a bond, persons who could not and did not make the explanation that their circumstances would not permit them to invest their money in the cause of right and justice. These cases are being labored with. In two or three instances the facts were reported to the Federal and State officials and in response to word from headquarters the persons so designated have visited the local banks and have subscribed to the Liberty Loan.

The committee is proceeding on the assumption that every man and woman, and every child in the village who can possibly subscribe should do so. This is Our Country; Our boys are over there fighting for us and we would be a sorry lot if we did not help them out of our abundance. They are giving their all, their lives, their hopes, and aims and we here in Downers Grove with the mighty lesson of their sacrifice before us are craven indeed if we fail to grasp this opportunity to help where we can.

NOT AFFORD IT! There is not a person in town with food to eat, a roof over his head and a job to work at who can afford NOT to subscribe to this greatest of all opportunities to help those who are helping us and lifting the scourge from all oppressed. When the last hour of the drive has struck and Downers Grove's record has been made it is possible that instead of publishing a list of those who have subscribed the names of those who could subscribe and did not will be made known. The procedure in this regard has not been fully determined as yet by the authorities.

Every effort has been made by the committee in charge to visit every person in the village and lay the proposition before him. It may be that some have been inadvertently overlooked. If no committee has called on you do not let that keep you from buying a bond. The First National Bank and The Farmers and Merchants Bank are ready to take your subscription.

Further, if you want to increase your subscription and instead of a fifty or a hundred dollar can take double that amount by a little closer economy. Do not hesitate. Do it. If your Five hundred dollar bond looks small to you beside the life of the soldier boy you knew and loved. Go get another \$500 bond and place it alongside the first. If you can give security, borrow the money to buy the bond, do not let the difference between OLD SIX PER CENT and the bond interest rob you of a chance to get back the boys who are going over the top in the hell of the great fight for you.

LOOK OUT FOR THE "FLU" Do not take any chances with that cold from which you are suffering. Seek medical advice and act on it at once or you may fall a victim to the most recent disease to attack humanity, the Spanish Influenza. It will not do to insist that fright is a great part of the danger in this disease. The danger is present and all the more serious because of the insidious approach of the disorder. In the obituary record of the village this week at least three of the deaths are attributed to the disease and more than two score cases have been reported in and near the village. The symptoms are described as resembling what used to be known as la grippe. A hard cold may be the precursor of the ailment. Take no chances. Consult a physician at once.

DR. J. F. JENNESS CLOSES NOTABLE PASTORATE HERE

Union Farewell Service Planned For Next Sunday Evening At M. E. Church

Publication of the ministerial appointments made at the Methodist Conference in Chicago on Tuesday brought the news that Rev. James Freeman Jenness, Ph.D., for five years the beloved pastor of the First Methodist Church here, had been assigned to a new parish at Park Ridge, Ill.

The news was received with much regret by Doctor Jenness' many Downers Grove friends. While some intimation of an impending change had previously been received, the hope was entertained that he might be returned to the local church for another year. His going will be accompanied by the single pleasing thought that he is not to go far and will therefore still be in reach of his friends here. Park Ridge is to be the fortunate gainer by Downers Grove's loss.

Dr. Jenness has enjoyed a peculiarly rich and fruitful ministry in Downers Grove. Both in the church over which he presided, and in the community as a whole, his influence has been potent for good. It has none the less potent because quiet and pervasive. Only the perspective of future years will reveal the wide reach and the true proportions of a ministry flowing from a truly big soul. His capacity for friendship and for a genuine comradeship with his fellows has been unfailing, and furnishes the key, in large part, to his success as a pastor and public leader.

During the five years of his pastorate, the local Methodist church has enjoyed a substantial growth in all directions. After discharging a lingering \$3,000 debt, the church undertook extensive improvements upon its building involving the expenditure of about \$2,400, all of which has been successfully carried through. The beautiful building in its present form is a fine testimony to the constructive leadership which the church has had in Dr. Jenness.

The highest value of such a service as Dr. Jenness has rendered cannot, however, be measured in terms of dollars and cents, nor estimated on a basis of mere statistics. Values of a moral and intellectual nature go deeper. They register themselves in character and life. And it is here that the influence of this leader of men has made itself most deeply felt. By his fine intellectual attainments, hardly less than through his moral and spiritual endowments, Dr. Jenness has contributed to the high standards of life which every community should pride itself in maintaining.

From no circle of the village will he be more missed than that of the ministerial association. Uniformly fair in all his dealings with his brethren, always brotherly approachable and sincere, and ever displaying charity of judgment and temperateness of speech, Dr. Jenness has won the admiration and love of his fellow pastors in an unusual degree. All will unite, Protestant and Catholic alike, in paying tribute to his personal qualities as a minister and a man.

In all his work, Dr. Jenness has found a conscientious and able supporter in Mrs. Jenness, whose personality will also be missed in Downers Grove. For his family as for himself a whole community unites in best wishes for the future.

Dr. Jenness will bring a closing message to the united congregations at a union farewell meeting next Sunday evening, in the Methodist church. The hour is 7:30 o'clock, and all are invited to attend.

Rev. B. H. Fleming comes to M. E. Church

At the session of the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Church, which closed last night, Rev. B. H. Fleming was appointed pastor of the church at Downers Grove. Mr. Fleming has been heard in the pulpit of the church of which he comes to be pastor so is not altogether a stranger here. He comes from the Western Ave. Church in Chicago.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY UNION MEETING POSTPONED

On account of the prevalence of influenza and the danger of contributing to the spread of it, the proposed meeting of the DuPage County Union of the Holy Name Society in Naperville, on Sunday afternoon October 13, has been postponed until further notice.

Card of Thanks

Mr. M. Skinner and family wish to thank their neighbors and friends for the beautiful floral offerings and many kindnesses shown during their bereavement.

HERE ARE THE BREASTWORKS THEY CAN'T CLIMB OVER

