

### ANNUAL SCHOOL XMAS VACATION STARTS FRIDAY

Advanced a Week Because of Prevalence of Spanish Influenza in Village.

After a conference between the village board and the school authorities Monday night it was decided to have the annual holiday school vacation start today.

The usual procedure is to close the schools for two weeks at Christmas time in order to give the teachers and students a chance to enjoy to the fullest extent Christmas and New Year celebrations. But on account of the prevalence of the Spanish influenza, which was the cause of three deaths last week, it has been decided to advance the date one week. School will again commence on the Monday after Christmas.

During the past week the rooms in the school buildings were bright with Christmas decorations and each class gave a program in keeping with the holiday. Christmas carols were sung and poems and readings of the Christmas time given by the scholars. Many visitors were entertained to hear the programs.

The school flag was at half mast last Sunday in memory of Miss Hattie Bryce who taught the fifth grade at the south building, and the schools were closed Monday afternoon for the same reason. She was one of the best loved of the instructors of the Downers Grove schools and her fellow workers and her pupils will miss her smile and winning ways.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Florimond Le Blanc has accepted a hospital appointment. Drs. Gregg H. L. and Helen E. Gregg have rented his office until they can make arrangements to move here. They are making a specialty of surgical work. They need no introduction here as they are favorably known to a great many residents whom they have treated in the past.

Sign Up With The Red Cross

### BASKET TOSSERS OF HIGH SCHOOL WIN GAME 22-16

The newly selected high school basket ball team won a hardfought game last Friday night from a picked up team of Alumni and the former basket ball stars. The final score was 22 to 16. The All-Stars had had no team practice hence the high school lads had a chance to win, but it took the grittiest and gamest sort of playing for the lighter lads to do so.

The lineups were as follows: High School (22) Shurte R. F. Bush L. F. Peterson C. Boon R. G. Grunhaus L. G. All Stars (16) Vix R. F. Mochel L. F. Rogers C. Johnson, Garrison R. G. Roth L. G.

The game was close and the boys played hard from the time when Mr. Schwab, the coach, blew the starting whistle. The high school boys scored first on a field goal and a free throw and were never headed, tho the All Stars came up within a point or two at several different times. Some sparking team work gave the boys two or three goals in rapid succession in the middle of the first half and the All Stars played hard to catch up again but the first half ended 14-9 in favor of the high school team.

The second half showed the town team playing better team work, but altho they had many shots at the basket they couldn't put the ball thru as often as they should. Both teams were well winded and the last part of the game was much slower. Garrison took Johnson's place when he hurt his ankle. The All Stars made 7 and the high school 8 this half. A good game!

This coming Friday evening, December 13th, the Glen Ellyn high school basket ball team is coming over to play us in the first regular game of the season. We will appreciate the presence and loyal support of the people of Downers Grove who are interested in clean, lively, interesting athletics. A team, to be a real winner, has to feel that lots of people care whether they or lose. So come out and cheer your high school boys on to a victory!

Enroll For A Red Cross Membership

### NOTES OF THE WOMANS CLUB

The regular meeting of the Downers Grove Woman's Club was held Wednesday afternoon in Library Hall. Sergt. Barre was the speaker of the afternoon and gave a most interesting talk on the subject, "Over There." Sergt. Barre has been in a number of battles in this great war. He was gassed in the battle of Chateau Thierry and is now speaking for the Council of Defense. He praised the American boys for their bravery saying that although the boys realize fully what it means to go into battle, yet they always go with a song on their lips and apparently light-hearted. This, the French soldiers cannot understand, as they are always serious when they go into battle. A number of relatives of our boys in Service were guests of the Club at this meeting and enjoyed the talk.

We are pleased to mention the fact that two of our members have been elected to offices of importance in the state work. Mrs. Louis Jones has been made Chairman of the Burlington Group of the Municipal Art League and Mrs. M. K. Bush is Chairman of Art of the 11th District. These ladies are both well qualified to fill these positions for which they have been chosen.

The Department of Art and Literature has postponed their children's day meeting of December 18th, indefinitely on account of the epidemic. Notice of this meeting will be announced later.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their sympathy and for the beautiful floral tributes in the last sickness and death of our daughter, Rosa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Tholin.

### EAST GROVE SOLDIER SEVERELY WOUNDED

Word reached the village Thursday night that Private Martin Biedron of 300 E. Prairie avenue, was severely wounded in action on October 25th.

Be A Member Of The Red Cross



CHALLENGE CUP 2ND INF. I. R. M. Won By Co. H Oct. 25 1918.

### CARS NEEDED FOR TRANSPORT UNIT OF CO. H, RESERVE

Reorganization of This Branch Will Take Place at a Meeting Tuesday Night

"Every man on the job," is the slogan of Capt. Balczynski for next Sunday morning. Co. H will journey to Willow Springs to participate in a Battalion Drill and Assembly will be at the armory at 8 a. m.

These drills are vitally necessary to co-ordinate the different units of this military organization and under the leadership of the commander this battalion is winning a reputation for efficiency.

Capt. Balczynski, who has piloted the local company through stress and storm almost since its inception has a message for Downers Grove people in the following words. He has cheerfully given of his time and money to the perfecting of Co. H and great credit is due his efforts.

By B. E. Balczynski.

Our transport section organization is not yet perfected and it has been necessary to ask for volunteer cars and owners to drive them. The response from those interested in Co. H and in backing up the men who are devoting their time in this necessary work has been confined to a few, but with the cars belonging to the several members in the Company, who willingly give the use of them as well as driving themselves we have been amply supplied to carry the Company to and from the required destinations in the last several trips.

This double duty on the part of Co. H even has been given without a complaint, but I feel that this burden should be lifted off their shoulders.

Surely there are ample cars and owners who should be glad and willing to lend a hand and relieve the men to devote their regular military duties.

to show his willingness to share in the necessary work of reconstruction, by aligning himself actively with that organization, being maintained to support law and prevent disorder, without which, authorities admit, situations would be apt to arise that would be hard to cope with.

The transport sections are now under the direct charge of the I. R. M. Company Commanders, and therefore there is no possibility of their being called for any but necessary duty and then at the discretion of the Company Commander only.

The war may be over in Europe—3000 miles away—but we here have our work mapped out for us, witness Memorandum Circular No. 17 from Brigade Headquarters.

The co-operation accorded me in the

past has kept me alive to my responsibility, and I have every reason to believe that this same spirit will continue, so that when all's said and done each one of us who has done his utmost in everything he's been called upon to do, can feel down in his own heart and conscience that he did his share, and tho no medals hang on his breast he can feel at ease from the fact that he had at least done what he could.

Headquarters First Brigade, Illinois Reserve, November 26, 1918.

Memorandum Circular No. 17

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned, and shall be read at the next two drills and then posted:

The maintenance of order and observance of law is vital to the well-being of our commonwealth. The present State Troops bear no direct relationship to the war, other than the duty of preserving order at home while our armies fight overseas. The signing of the armistice, or later the declaration of peace, in no manner effects the status or diminishes the obligation of our service.

With the declaration of peace the opportunity of service will be accentuated rather than diminished. Every member of the State Troops must be prepared to discharge his duty as a guardian of the public peace. Officers and enlisted men are expected to henceforth be zealous in the performance of every civil and military duty and to make every effort to impart "Pep", Stability and Efficiency to the organization.

The present is the test of the patriotism and good citizenship of every member of this organization. We must permit no opportunity of improving the personnel, instructed or the value of our organization to pass unheeded. The spirit of the hour is service. Our brothers have unstintingly rendered theirs abroad; to be worthy of the world peace that they have won we must fulfill our obligations as citizens to the full at home. Get on the job—stay on it. Make good.

"Keep going and see it through. The phases of demobilization and reconstruction will be of the deepest significance and importance, and America must be ready. The problems of

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Mr. Kidwell also brought up the matter of a correct roster of Downers Grove boys who served in the army and navy that a record might be kept of our participation as a village. A committee of three was appointed to devise ways and means of getting a correct list. The committee, L. B. Wells, B. C. Downes and W. J. Staats met that night and drafted a questionnaire which will be carried by the Red Cross membership solicitors in the drive starting next week. They will get the information necessary to correct the Honor Roll of local boys and ascertain the number of stars which should fly on our service flag. On motion of M. E. Coleman, this list when completed will be presented to the village board with a request that it be made a part of the official archives of the village.

An absolutely correct list, showing every Downers Grove boy who served in any capacity with the forces of the United States on land or sea, is wanted. Those who have friends or relatives either in the service now or who were in it, and for whom Downers Grove should be credited are asked to have the information ready. This will include all men who served in the army and navy, the S. A. T. C. or as Y. M. C. A. or K. C. Secretaries, and girls and women with the Red Cross, Y. W. C. A. and Salvation Army.

The committee asks the co-operation of every interested citizen that our boys be given the proper acknowledgement of duty well performed

### PLAN FOR BOYS' RETURN INCLUDES MONTHLY WELCOMES

Committee Reported at Community Welfare League Meeting Sunday Afternoon.

Tentative plans to welcome home the boys of Downers Grove who have been serving with the colors on land and sea were discussed at a meeting of the Community Welfare League at Library Hall Sunday afternoon.

Co. H, I. R. M. attended the meeting in a body as most of the active members of the League are also members of Co. H.

The meeting was called to order by President Kidwell who explained the purpose of the gathering. In his opening remarks he also suggested that the League continue its activities. It was started simply as a war measure and now that the most difficult part of its work is over he said that plans should be made to "carry on" with local problems as it has with National.

H. P. Jones, as chairman of the temporary "Welcome" committee read the suggestions which he and H. E. Tank and B. C. Downes, the other members, had drawn up. They included a monthly meeting if necessary outside, weather permitting, and if not then in the largest hall in the village, starting when the first of the overseas boys arrive home. Those who were not fortunate enough to be sent over were to receive their welcome at the same time. The program for these gatherings would include not more than two five minute talks by men or women of the community, patriotic songs and then talks by the boys themselves. The latter part should prove by far the most interesting as we are all waiting to hear at first hand from the fellows we all know, just what happened to them while licking Kaiser Bill.

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