

POST-WAR LETTER RECEIVED FROM BELGIUM

The following news from a cousin of Mr and Mrs Doelslaere of Grove street was received the early part of the week. It was written by a man who has been through the entire war...

November 13th, 1918. My dear Cousins:

Now that I have the opportunity to write you a little news about St. Laurentz can not put it off. I was here with our company at the rest camp. The first thing I did was look up the Doelslaere family...

Well, my dear cousins you can't imagine the joy in Belgium. Every one we meet cries with joy. A few more days and I will see my wife and two children whom I have not seen for four years...

With best regards from all the relatives, as ever,

Your loving cousin, Achille De Smet.

Z. 18 2em Compagnie en Compagne, Armee Belge.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS COLLECTED \$125 FOR LITTLE ONES

Smiles will replace tears on children's faces and pain racked little bodies will be eased through the work of sixteen Camp Fire Girls of Downers Grove...

The home is situated at Prince's Crossing, between West Chicago and Wheaton and is non-sectarian and supported wholly by charity.

The amount collected by the Camp Fire Girls was \$121.75 to which the Philanthropy Committee of the Women's Club added \$3.25 making an even \$125.00.

The girls worked from early until after nightfall gathering stray quarters, dimes and nickles and the joy which is coming to the unfortunate little ones was forshadowed in the happy faces of the girls who repaid each gift, small or large, with a smile and a "thank you."

The tag day was under the supervision of Mrs. H. P. Jones and the girls worked under the direction of Mrs. B. E. Balczynski and Mrs. W. H. O'Neill, guardians of the Camp Fire Girls.

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TURNER - AUSTIN

A Very pretty home wedding took place at 91 West Maple Avenue, the home of Mrs. Josephine C. Austin, on Saturday, December 7th, when her son, Delbert was united in marriage to Miss Grace B. Turner.

Rev. J. F. Jenness, formerly pastor of the First Methodist Church of Downers Grove, now of Park Ridge, was the officiating clergyman.

The house, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, was full to overflowing with happy and delighted guests.

Mrs. Paul Herring played the wedding march and Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Fleming sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."

The bride was handsomely and appropriately gowned and carried a spray of beautiful roses. The groom wore the regulation black.

They were attended by the Misses Josephine and Frederica Pease, of Hinsdale, granddaughters of Mrs. J. C. Austin.

After the ceremony congratulations were extended and refreshments were served and the bride and groom departed for a brief honeymoon trip in the East.

They were the recipients of many valuable presents. This is the sixth wedding to take place at the old Austin homestead in the last forty years.

Mrs. J. C. Austin, mother of the groom, who is an old time resident and highly respected citizen of Downers Grove, is to be congratulated upon the marriage of her foster son to this estimable young woman, as she has spared neither time nor money to make his life a success since she assumed that responsibility when he was but ten days old.

This young couple has the best wishes of all Downers Grove for future happiness.

MISS AVIS HAM

The many friends of Miss Avis Ham formerly a teacher of the public school of Downers Grove, will be shocked to learn of her sudden death from pneumonia following influenza.

Miss Ham and Miss Ward had gone to spend the Thanksgiving time with Miss Ham's parents at Elkhart, Indiana.

Everything was done that medical skill could suggest or loving hands could do but she passed to her heaven ly home December 5th, 1918.

Miss Ham has given efficient service as a teacher, for the past three years, in Evanston, Illinois, where she was loved for her beautiful character and greatly appreciated for her efficient service.

She leaves to mourn her loss a mother and father, a married sister, Mrs. James Smith of Whitewater, Wisconsin, a brother, Earl Ham of Chicago and innumerable friends.

HELP DECORATE OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Have you any ornaments that would add to the lustre of the Community Christmas Tree? Because of the scarcity of ornaments during the last two years, and because it seems appropriate for every one to have a part in the decorating of the Tree, it has been decided to ask the public to make donations to the tree. This will make it YOUR TREE.

The usual color scheme of green and red and gold and silver will be carried out in the decorations, but what the Committee is most anxious to get is something that glitens. These decorations will have to be assembled within the next few days, so that the Committee can purchase any other articles missing, after they know what will be donated.

If it is convenient, please leave your contributions at the Village Office. If not convenient to do that, please call up 64-M and leave word when some one can call at your home for them.

These ornaments will be preserved for use from year to year, as we hope to make this Community Christmas Tree a permanent institution in the village.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness shown during our recent sorrow, also for the many beautiful floral tributes.

Thomas W. Drew and Family.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MISS HATTIE BRYCE SHOCK TO FRIENDS

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home. She died of pneumonia following Spanish Influenza Thursday evening, December 5th and was buried at Bronswood cemetery, Hinsdale, on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Tholin attended the village schools and her cheerful ways attracted many friends. For the last ten years she has been the proprietor of a school supply and notion store in LaGrange.

She was for many years a member of the Mission church of Hinsdale and always a devout Christian, took a large part in church affairs. Rev. John Weselund, pastor of the church, preached the funeral sermon. During his remarks he touched on the remarkable fine character of his parishioner and of her acts of loving kindness. Young ladies of the congregation sang two beautiful songs, her favorites, at the funeral.

Miss Tholin leaves to mourn her loss her father and mother, one sister, Esther and two brothers, Edgar and Linne. Linne is a member of the U. S. navy and came from his station at Brunswick, Ga., for the funeral.

MRS. THOMAS DREW

Mrs. Olive Lamb Drew, daughter of Milton A. and Luella Roe Lamb, was born July 25th, 1880, near Downers Grove, Illinois. She was educated in the village schools and later taught school a Greggs and Lacey.

On September 17th, 1902 she was married to Mr. Thomas W. Drew, who with their three children, together with her mother and two sisters survive her.

She died at her home South of East Grove, Wednesday, December 4th, of influenza. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, December 7th, the Rev. H. H. Hood, formerly pastor of the Downers Grove M. E. Church, of which she was a member, officiating. Interment was made in the West Side cemetery.

PLANS FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS NEAR COMPLETION

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Singers and still more singers are needed, must be had, to come out at 8:00 p. m. every Monday and Thursday evenings to the Kindergarten to practice the special chorus numbers for the program. Men singers especially are needed. Fifteen or twenty of you men who can sing, this means YOU, each one! Mrs. Wilhelmina Harter Box is a very capable and pleasant chorus director and you can learn a lot about good classical Xmas music by coming out and making your self a member of this chorus. Please come! We need your help! You can add your part very acceptably to the success of this city Christmas service by joining the special chorus NOW!

Miss Stover is at the head of the singing work. Mrs. Mabel Rassweiler has been chosen head of the ward singing groups. She has four assistants each of whom heads the singing in her ward, where they practice the two songs. These ward leaders are: Mrs. Rose Waples, Miss Nettie Riel, Miss Anna Row and Mrs. Beidelman.

Miss Troy of the Kindergarten House, chairman of the program committee, asks that all who are shut in or who would like to have a group of Christmas carol singers come, after the Xmas program is over at the tree and sing in front of their homes a bit, to send their names and addresses in and put them in the suggestion box in the post office.

Mr. Walter Curtis, who is the chairman of our finance committee, has received a fine sum from the Masonic Lodge toward paying the expenses of the tree. He expects a like substantial sum from the business men's organization. He has asked Mr. Schwab to speak to all the ministers of the town to have their churches take collections or raise personal subscriptions for the Christmas tree. They are doing and will do their part thru their finance committees this coming Sunday. As Rev. Goodwin says, "My goodness, what organizations like the churches, and what people like the Christians and church people ought to stand up and support such a noble cause as a Community Christmas, which surely is a religious cause!"

So good people of all of the churches of Downers Grove let us see if we can not equal the gifts of the lodges, business men and schools of our town! Bring an extra dollar or two or some extra change along to church with you this coming Sunday to give for the Christmas program! We should have \$200.00! If there is anything left over it will go to help the war orphans and destitute. And then to give every one a chance to do their share, to have a real part in this year's tree, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Khaki Kids, etc., will make a house to house canvass for funds sometime before long. So you see that you are going to give

in one way or another. So do it cheerfully and as soon as you can. It is "our tree" and for all, rich and poor, to share alike. Send all money to Mr. Walter Curtis. Mr. H. P. Jones is our publicity chairman.

The advisory committee of the Downers Grove Community Christmas Association consists of, Mayor Kidwell, Supt. Butler, Mrs. Blodgett, A. G. Michel and Capt. Balczynski.

BOCHE SPOILED SCHEEL'S SUPPER WITH ARTILLERY

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eleven and no let up, I got scared but promptly on the hour, everything was over. When I was assigned to this company, it was already in the second line trench and my other letter was sent from there. Since then I haven't seen civilization nor washed my face. We lived in the trenches, slept in dugouts and brought up our chow in big cans, twice a day, all German arrangements.

Believe me, things were hot too for the last week. Everytime we left the shelter of our trench we were shelled and two different times those G. I. cans exploded within twenty-five yards of my nose. The worst trick they played on us though was one afternoon just as the chow was brot up. We boys sneaked up on it and crowded up a little too much and just before the KP's started to dish up, the shelling started. We let the first two pass and then dived for our shelter. Well it turned into a barrage with gas shells and all complete and it lasted until pitch dark. We ate a cold supper that night. Well we are on the move again, our relief just came up and I don't know nothin' more.

With love, Edward (Scheel).

UNUSUAL SERVICE AT CON GREGATIONAL

An unusually popular type of service is announced for next Sunday evening at the Congregational Church. Rev. Chester S. Bucher of Cleveland, Ohio, will give a dramatic recital in lieu of the conventional sermon.

The reading is entitled "The Paralytic—Healed and Forgiven." The service has been prepared by Ralph Connor, author of the "Sky Pilot" and other popular books. It is an elaboration of the New Testament narrative in the second chapter of Mark.

The dramatization has been prepared thru Mr. Connor's unusual gifts in the way of "historic imagination" and makes wonderfully vivid the familiar and beautiful incident. Mr. Bucher has specialized in giving many such recitals and includes in his repertoire, "Pollyanna," and the modern play "Everywoman," and "The Servant in the House."

Everyone is invited as the admission is free and it is expected that every seat will be taken.

SCOUT MASTERS MET LAST SATURDAY AT ARGO

Prof. N. R. Feasley, W. J. O'Neil, Rev. R. K. Schwab, M. W. Mills, S. W. Fuller and F. N. Davis attended the monthly meeting of Scout Masters for the West Suburban District last Saturday afternoon and evening at Argo. About fifty officers of Scouting were present from towns comprising the district. They were shown thru the Corn Products Company plant for three hours and then entertained at dinner by the Company with which Scout Executive Bingham of Hinsdale is connected. Addresses were made by Superintendent of Plant Sayers, Prof. Hazelett of Chicago and Field Executive J. P. Freeman of Oak Park.

Troop No. 2 now has thirty members and has just obtained its troop flag.

MOTHERS CLUB DECEMBER MEETING TUESDAY

The Mothers Club will hold its December meeting on next Tuesday, December 17th at eight o'clock in the evening.

The program will consist of reading and music appropriate to the season, followed by refreshments and a general social hour. All teachers who are in the village on that date are invited to be present. Also all young girls who can accompany their mothers to this meeting are requested to be present. A good attendance of the general public is desired. The meeting will be held in the Kindergarten as usual. The evening hour should make it possible for a good attendance of the fathers. It is hoped they will be present.

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Important News From Kentucky!

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A DEPLETION OF 100,000 BARRELS OF OIL

per day and 3,000 barrels of gasoline per day, as oil and gasoline are being used in these amounts in excess of the present production and manufacture. It is true that the oil and gasoline now utilized in war machines will not be required for such purposes after the close of the war, although there is a necessity for motor transports from France in bringing the armies, supplies and equipment to points of shipment to home countries. Furthermore, the navy is likely to be continued at its full strength in ships and men for perhaps two years after peace is signed. The building of merchant ships is less than it was in 1914. Where one ship is needed now,

THREE WILL SOON BE NEEDED

to meet the needs of the world's commerce, in peace. Practically all of the new ships built since the beginning of the war are oil burning, and it is stated by the big, reliable business men engaged in the oil industry, that the requirements of the world's markets will mean the need of oil and its products in constantly increasing amounts. With reference to the developments in Kentucky, we are pleased to say that at the close of October, 580 wells were in the process of drilling, as against 548 at the end of September. During the month of October, 218 new commercial oil wells and 14 new gas wells were successfully completed, making an additional daily average production of 5,653 barrels of crude petroleum. In order that you may take advantage of the present offer of Boston-Kentucky Oil Company treasury shares at Fifteen Cents per share, it will be necessary that your order or reservation be sent us promptly, as his allotment is moving rapidly and the next allotment will be offered at Twenty Cents per share. Bear in mind that our acreage is unusually large and our capitalization unusually small. Address all communications to

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