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WE DEARLY WISH FOR ALL
our friends and customers, a New Year full of
HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY

at the same time we want to remind you of the 1096 meals to be provided for during the year. Your happiness and prosperity will be added to by assigning us the contract.



PERSONALS

This is "Soldier's Letter" week. William Brady, probably the youngest of Downers Grove "gobs" is home on an over the Holidays furlough.

Carl Lower is home from the east to enjoy the holidays and a month's furlough from his work in the Navy.

Mr and Mrs Chas. Heinke and family moved into Mrs Hoffert's house on N. Forest avenue last Saturday.

Ed. Schuster, who has been very ill with the prevailing influenza, is now on the road to recovery.

Emma Wander, who has been ill with the Flu is able to be around again.

Ford cars, Touring, Roadsters or Trucks. Hinsdale Phone 58. Fleck & Buchholz. adv.

Mr and Mrs L. B. Wells entertained relatives and other guests on Christmas Day.

Mr and Mrs Lanphere of Chicago, were holiday guests of the Hawkins family.

Charles Davis has a two weeks furlough from his duties as Dentist Surgeon at Paris Island.

Mrs L. A. White of Aurora was the guest of friends on Sunday and Monday.

Ford Parts and Ford repairs at Fleck & Buchholz, Hinsdale. Phone 58. adv.

Miss Matilda Vernon, of Chicago, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. F. C. Lancaster.

Mr. James Burns and his sister, Mrs. Holmes, spent Christmas in Chicago with friends.

See Chaplin in the greatest of all comedies at the Curtiss, this Saturday matinee and night. Adv.

See Alice Joyce in her newest first run production, The Captain's Captain, at the Curtiss Tuesday. adv.

Mrs. J. P. Boldebeck fell down the stairs of her home last week, quite seriously injuring herself.

Elmer Geissert spent Sunday in Cleveland, Ohio calling on Rev. Leo Schmidt's son who is a sailor there.

Wallace Reid has excellent support in his latest picture at Dicke Theatre, Saturday, December 28th. adv.

The customary watch night service will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church new Year's Eve.

Dr. A. Ford Carr and wife of Chicago spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corah.

Mrs. Cora Steere of Oak Park spent Christmas Eve with her son and the Weatherbee family.

Emery Klein entertained Leo and Wilfred Smith of the Great Lakes over Christmas.

Walter Rickert of Naperville was mentioned in yesterday's casualty list under wounded, degree undetermined.

Sergeant Henry Daily is home on a ten day furlough. He expects to be transferred to a southern camp soon.

Edward Fischel visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Staats, the fore part of the week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Van Sickle of Naperville, a son. The mother was formerly Ella Julius.

Dr. and Mrs. Meek of Oakwood avenue, spent Christmas in Chicago visiting friends.

Attend the dance at Dicke's Hall on New Year's eve. A good time and good music are promised.

Mr and Mrs Straube have gone to Chicago to spend the remainder of the winter.

We are local agents for Fordson Tractors, let us demonstrate its usefulness. Fleck & Buchholz, Hinsdale. Phone 58. adv.

Mrs Straube entertained the Sorority girls and Kahki Kids Tuesday evening before closing their house for the winter.

Carl J. Stone has recently received a promotion with the Illinois Steel Company. He has considerable traveling to do now.

Bishop S P Spreng of the Evangelical Association spent several hours between trains last Friday morning in conference with Rev. R. K. Schwab.

Jane and Katherine Lee, who were at the Dicke Theatre in "Two Little Imps," will be there again in "American Buds." Don't miss them. adv.

Charles Wolff arrived home Tuesday, having received his discharge from the army at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas.

Roland Schultz was discharged from the navy at Charlestown, South Carolina and reached here yesterday morning.

Stanley Jones, Henry... and Theodore Erickson are... the Marine training camp at Paris Island, S. C. for a short furlough.

Earl Singletary and Frank Waples came home for Christmas from Beatrice, Neb, where they have been with a Burlington surveying party.

Roland Modjeska and Paul Vaughn suggest that people send their Xmas mail early after their experience on the mail trains during holiday time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Soss of Austin and Mr and Mrs Henry Zinn of Chicago, spent Sunday with the Gerwig families.

Mrs. Ida Welch, of Colchester, Ill., who has been visiting at her father's, Mr. Wm. Bryce, of East Maple avenue, leaves soon for her home.

Wednesday, one of the finest movies ever made may be seen at the Curtiss. The Romance of Tarzan. It surely abounds in all that's spectacular and momentous splendor. adv

Roy Bruns and Fred White have been discharged from the Naperville unit of the S. A. T. C. They enlisted on October 1st and received their honorable discharges on December 20th.

Walter Barrett left on Thursday morning for New York to board his ship after a ten-day furlough with his parent's, Mr and Mrs Edward Barrett.

Mr and Mrs Herbert Hansen and Mr and Mrs Charles Kolm and daughter, Margaret, spent Christmas in Ottawa, Ill., with their parents at a family holiday reunion.

Max Butler is home from Champaign, where he is attending the University. He has received his discharge from that unit of the S. A. T. C. of which he was a member.

Do you remember Lila Lee in the "Cruise of the Make Believes?" If you do we know you won't miss her in "Such a Little Pirate" at Dicke's Thursday, January 2nd, 1919. adv.

Miss Winifred Hemphill has been quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs J. M. Allison.

Miss Germain leaves for the south to spend the remainder of the winter.

Walter and Willis Sherman were home from the Great Lakes Station to spend Christmas with their father and mother, Mr and Mrs Hereward Sherman of Saratoga avenue.

Dr. Smith has received word that his brother, Joseph, of Antioch, Ill., was severely wounded in action on November 1st. He is a member of the Blackhawk Division.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kloepell and daughters Marjory and Mildred visited over Christmas with Mrs. Kloepell's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Bush.

How to get even with cooties for their present persistent irritation is solved by Charlie Chaplin in "Shoulder Arms," his second million-dollar picture to be shown at Dicke's New Year's Day. adv.

Mr E L Cox, of West Curtiss St., received word Monday morning that his son, Dwight Cox, of the 149th F A spent Nov. 27 at Buschdorf, Luxemburg, and was finding good use for his two years of German at the high school now.

"Take those feet in," commands the sergeant. "In where?" asks Dough boy Charlie Chaplin. And then the trouble begins in "Shoulder Arms", his second million-dollar production. At Dicke Theatre New Year's Day. adv.

Virgil G. Morton of the Grove, received his honorable discharge from the navy on December 18th. On December 6, 1917 he enlisted at the Great Lakes as a radio operator and in the early part of April he was transferred to the Yeoman service in the paymaster.

The Tahigna Camp Fire Girls met at the home of Alma Kelly on Forest avenue, Tuesday afternoon. At the close of the business meeting the girls presented their guardian, Mrs. B. E. Balczynski with a beautiful Guardians pin.

Word has been received that Harry Grant and Gilbert Lacey are now Corporals and Stewart Burns a Sergeant. All three of the boys are with Battery C, of the now famous 149th F. A. which won glory as a part of the Rainbow Division.

Daniel Diener is here on shore leave from the navy officers' training school in Cleveland, Ohio for a few days, from Sunday, December 22nd over Christmas. He finds his work strenuous, but interesting and very valuable educational.

Ruth Diener is serving in the hospitals at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga. Mrs Geo. Diener and Mrs. Emma Gress and families had as their guests at dinner Sunday evening, Mrs. Stephenson and her daughter Mildred, of Chicago and their pastor Rev. R. K. Schwab

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DICKE THEATRE

THE DICKE THEATRE WISHES YOU A HAPPY, PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



WALLACE REID
Lasky-Paramount

**Saturday, December 28th.
WALLACE REID, in
"The Man From Funeral Range"**
A Paramount Picture

TRYING TO CONVICT AN INNOCENT MAN!
It looks mighty bad for Wallace Reid in this picture — fugitive of the law, and innocent at that — but it's no use for an innocent man to argue with the electric chair. The only safe way is flight and vindication later. What would you do under such circumstances?

**BURTON HOLMES TRAVEL PICTURE —
CHRISTIE COMEDY — "JUST PLAIN FOLKS"**

**MATINEE — 3:30. Admission 10 and 15c including war tax.
EVENING — Two Shows Continuous from 7:30
Admission 15 and 20c including war tax.**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE. Tuesday, December 31st
Jane and Katherine Lee in "American Buds"**
Winning friends is natural for these "Baby Grands."

**CHRISTIE COMEDY AND OTHER PICTURES OF INTEREST!
SPECIAL MUSIC — Bring your New Year's party for an evening of pleasure.
End the old year by being merry. Watch for Special Announcements.
EVENING — Two Shows Continuous to close to midnight, beginning at 7:30. Admission, 15 and 20c inc. war tax.**

**Big Special
New Years Day
Program**

**Charlie
Chaplin**
—in—
**"Shoulder
Arms"**

**Mack Sennett Comedy
"Ladies First"**

**MATINEE — 3:30. Admission 10 & 15c inc. tax.
EVENING — Two shows continuous from 7:30.
Admission, 15 and 20c including war tax.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1919
LILA LEE, in "Such a Little Pirate"**

A regular old-style pirate yarn, but with a very modern damsel right in the nub of it. There's a villain called Bad-Eye who tries to steal the map showing where the treasure is — but seeing that the map is tattooed on a human shoulder! — well, that's the plot, come and see it unravelled. And don't forget the youngsters.

**FORD WEEKLY
FOX COMEDY "For an Aerial Joy Ride."
EVENING — Two Shows Continuous from 7:30. Admission 15 and 20c including war tax.**