

### "GERMAN CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE" LETTER STIRS WHOLE TOWN

Every Decent Man and Woman in Village Protests at Political Trick.

Downers Grove was aroused Monday as it hasn't been aroused in years. A letter signed "GERMAN CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE" asking for the support of "it's" candidates, men of German descent at the polls on Tuesday was the cause of the excitement. If it was a joke—it was an exhibition of bad taste and worse wit. If it was alien propaganda—it was idiotically conceived and clumsily executed. If it was the work of an over zealous Teuto-phobe—it was a cowardly, unwarranted slander of citizens who have proved their loyalty time and again.

Whatever its origin it was a dirty, despicable deed, unnecessary, unwarranted and unlawful. It placed in a sinister light men whose devotion to the country has been repeatedly shown. It raised the specter of alien influence in our home town affairs. Its natural consequence was to spread suspicion. Its injustice was manifest though its author is shrouded in the darkness loved by evil doers.

It was a letter—the pages of this paper will not be smirched by its wording—urging that persons of German birth or ancestry be recognized at the village election Tuesday.

With the letter was enclosed a sample ballot with fingers pointing to five names, three of them candidates regularly nominated at the village primary and two of them men who were not candidates and who had not been considered as candidates.

Vigorous protest against the dastardly attack was immediately made by each and every man designated on the sample ballot and to the credit of the community let it be said, not a person in the village believes for a single minute that any of the men referred to in the letter and marked ballot had directly or indirectly, the faintest connection with the circulation of the nefarious note.

The despicable communication was signed the "German Citizen's Alliance" a thing which never has and does not now exist in the village.

Every decent minded man and woman in the village will do all in their power to unearth the authors.

### CONG'L CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY STARTED

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Congregational Church was organized at the meeting held last week at the home of Mrs. Jules Zindt. The following officers were chosen: President, Mrs. I. M. Grey; Vice-President, Mrs. E. H. Prince; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Strong.

Mrs. Ryan, of Hinsdale, and Mrs. Ernest Pyle gave interesting talks, both having spent much time in Armenia. Mrs. Pyle leaves this week to visit relatives before joining Mr. Pyle, who is now in Turkey.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Ed Frank has purchased the Martin house, corner of Maple and Main St.

Tom Pesczynski has purchased the Knight house on Prince Avenue where Ray Clark is now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballow and family of S. Forest Avenue, have just returned from a visit to friends in St. Louis.

Mrs. Mae Anderson, son Howard and sister Mrs. Frank Konsack spent the past week in Omaha, Nebr.

Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Fleming go to Elgin Saturday to sing at the funeral of the wife of Dr. Philips, formerly of Chicago.

Mrs. Maude Smith was called home from Buffalo, New York, where she was visiting on account of Sarah Smith's illness.

The Dicke Theatre has been fortunate in booking something new—Vaudeville in Pictures—and the first showing will be made next Tuesday.

The calf marauders visited Ira Heartt's farm last Friday night and stole four calves, picking up two more on the John Warner farm at Cass. The farmers in that locality are talking of organizing a vigilance society and putting a stop to these depredations.

Mrs. Rowland, East Maple Avenue fell on a stairway at her home and sprained both ankles quite badly. While she was convalescing her daughter, Miss Vietta contracted the influenza and little Keith Gillman, her grandson visiting from Indiana has been very ill with the same malady.

Additional Locals will be found on Pages four and five.

### FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST TO SEE CO. H ENCAPPED

One week of the real stuff awaits Co. H and other units of the Second Regiment, I. R. M.

Orders have been received by Capt. Balczynski that the command will have one week's tour of camp duty starting August 2nd.

Camp Logan, on the North Shore has been selected. There the members of the regiment will get a real taste of army life, rolling out at first call in the morning. Standing reveille, army chow, drilling all day, retreat at night and then maybe a tour of guard duty to top off a busy day.

It will be one wonderful week for the men and one they will not soon forget. It will build them into a more compact organization and give them in part a realization of the discipline of the army.

We understand that all recruits joining now will be eligible to attend the camp. This should stimulate recruiting and bring the strength and enthusiasm of the local company to

top notch in short order.

Following is the order from Col. Wilson.

Headquarters, Second Regiment, Illinois Reserve Militia, April 12, 1919. General Orders No. 20.

1. This command will proceed to Camp Logan, Ill., on August 2nd, 1919, for one week's tour of camp duty.

2. All officers and enlisted men will be required to attend, and will receive the same pay and allowances as provided for the National Guard of the State.

By order of Colonel Wilson, (Signed) Edmond McMahon, Edmond McMahon, Capt., 2nd Inf., I. R. M., Adjutant.

### PHILATHEAS OF M. E. CHURCH CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY

An enjoyable evening was spent by the M. E. Philatheas and their guests last Thursday evening in commemoration of their birthday, it being 12 years since the class was organized.

The early part of the evening was spent in the Auditorium of the church, enjoying the selections given by Miss Koles, a gifted reader from Evanston, and the no less talented Miss Florence Morris, from Congress Park, who sang in a most pleasing fashion. Our home talent did equally well, and as the Quartet consisted of Philatheas daughters, the Misses Myrtle Neilsen, Mildred Potter, Lillian Washburn and Marie Neilsen, the Philatheas were justly proud. Miss Marion Lower rendered a beautiful piano solo in her usual spirited manner, and Marion, by the way, is a daughter of our loved and respected teacher.

After a few words of welcome from Mrs. Milnes, our president, everyone "followed the leader," to the church parlors below, where cake and ice cream were served.

The class had a birthday present of a beautiful flower basket, filled with roses and carnations for the occasion. The basket will find its place in the service every Sunday, holding the usual weekly bouquet. The birthday cake, a beautiful, white coated affair, measuring eighteen inches in diameter, and seven inches in height and adorned with twelve blue candles, the class colors are blue and white, was not cut, altho everyone said it looked good. Everyone had a good time and expressed a wish to be "in on" the next anniversary celebration.

### HONORABLE MENTION SENT TO EXHIBITORS

Referring to the recent Art Exhibit held March 26th by the Art and Literature Department of the Downers Grove Woman's Club, the following persons received letters of Honorable Mention by the Art Alliance of America, represented by Miss Leaside C. Lavaron, Judge, for the excellence of their work.

Mrs. Mary Fisher, two quilts. Mrs. Catherine Reuter, (exhibited by Mrs. Bender) knitted lace on pillow slips.

Mrs. M. K. Bush, Ceramics.

Mr. W. H. Baker, three photographs—

Brook in Winter.

Foggy Morning in the Woods.

The Dunes.

Miss Margaret Howe, Design in Color for Door Panel.

Miss E. E. Snyder, Two water color paintings "Peonies" and "Snowballs."

Mrs. H. S. Sherman, Fillet crochets insets and edges on table linens.

Miss Etta Jory, Hand crocheted insertion and edging on curtains.

Mrs. B. C. Downes, Tatting edge on linen runner and Norwegian bag.

Mr. Thos. A. Verdenius, Raffia basket in color.

Mrs. A. R. Cramer, Pink and white quilt executed by Mrs. M. M. Mc Mains.

Miss Lavaron requested Mrs. L. E. Jones to urge upon all workers the desirability of originating own designs and aiming to do fine instead of course work. Kindly keep this in mind for our next exhibition.

### CHICAGO CAMP FIRE LEADER SPOKE HERE

Mrs. Moody, captain of the Camp Fire Guardians of Chicago, gave a very interesting talk to the girls of Downers Grove and those interested in the movement here, last Monday evening at Library Hall.

The program opened with the singing of the official Camp Fire Girls' song "Wohelo" after which several of the girls gave talks on the camp fire laws.

Mrs. Moody told of the beauties and benefits of the camp fire and told of camp life at the Girls' Camp at New Haven, Mich. The talk was enjoyed so much that every Camp Fire Girl went home with a resolve to become a better worker and a desire not only to become better but also to try and induce all their friends to join by showing them what they miss by not being Camp Fire Girls.

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- 7:30 a. m., Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 a. m., Holy Eucharist and Sermon, "The Fact of the Resurrection."
- 3:30 p. m., Sunday School Easter Festival.
- 7:30 p. m., "The Miracle of the Ages."

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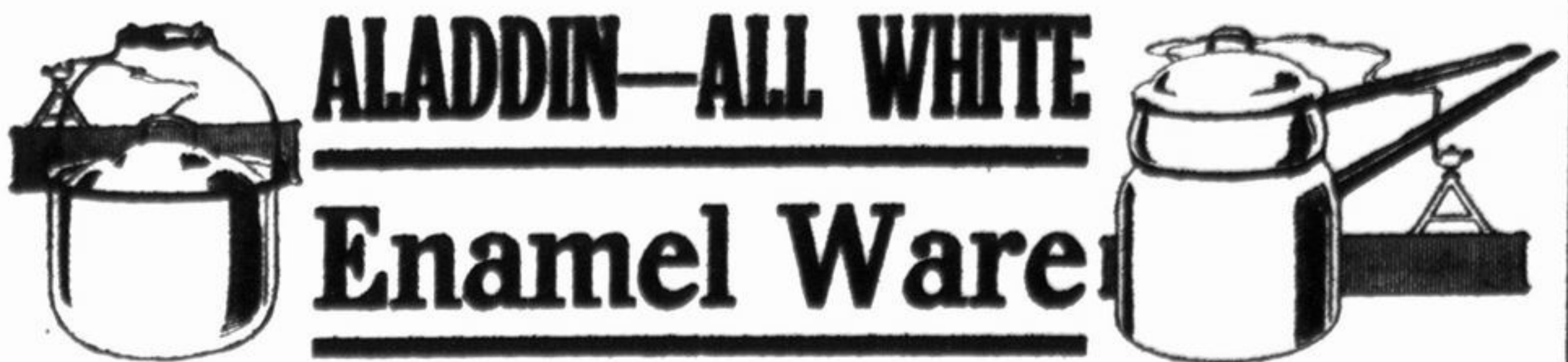
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