

Downers Grove Reporter

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"And The Star Spangled Banner Forever Shall Wave, O'er The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave."



AURORA CANTON TO ATTEND I. O. O. F. CENTENNIAL

The stage is all set for the Centennial Celebration by the Odd Fellows at their hall Monday evening, April 28th.

The event is to commemorate the founding of the order one hundred years ago. All lodges throughout the United States and Canada are celebrating during this month and May. While most lodges in each district are having a united celebration, the Downers Grove Lodge decided not to participate in this district on account of the expense and inconvenience of getting to Batavia, Ill., where the united effort is holding forth, but to hold a get-together meeting for local people. In taking this course, under adverse criticism, the Downers Grove Lodge wants to see members and their relatives and also those who are interested in Oddfellowship to be together on this evening and get acquainted.

The program, which will be of the impromptu sort, will be enjoyed, no doubt, by all as is usual when our talented local entertainers are doing the headline act as they always do. The committee is keeping secret what is to be done but there will be a surprise in store for those who attend.

The entire Canton from Aurora will attend and this will be the main attraction of the evening most likely. They will arrive about nine o'clock in full dress uniform. The members of the lodge will meet them at the depot and the whole body of men will march to the hall.

After the program refreshments will be served and it is hoped that a large number will sit down to the repast and enjoy themselves.

Downers Grove Lodge, No. 750, I. O. O. F. is growing rapidly and interest has been kindled anew since the infusion of young blood during the past winter and this same young blood infusion is still being administered weekly, we might say. "New members are being taken in 'in crowds.'" Five new members are being put thru now and as soon as the work on them is finished, others are in waiting to go thru.

The degree teams are working hard and constantly and are attaining a degree of efficiency which is being widely commented upon by members of other lodges along the "Q" who have been watching them work and also by old time members of this lodge, who have not been attending regularly but who are now beginning to come, one by one, to look over the youngsters and watch the snappy exhibition of degree work put on by them.

All the old timers are especially requested to attend next Monday evening and get acquainted and you will be up every meeting night thereafter when you see the good fellowship displayed by the new members and the faithful few who attend regularly.

"NORM" ANDERSON; FIRST OVER, IS BACK IN TOWN

Norman Anderson, the first Downers Grove boy in France, arrived here discharged, Tuesday the 22nd.

Enlisting May 14, 1917 in Base Hospital unit No. 12, the Northwestern University unit, he sailed the 19th of the same month, arriving June 2nd at Plymouth England. The unit stayed at Blackpool for one week arriving at Boulogne, France on June 10, 1917. They were attached to the British Tenth, Second Army Corps and through the long months of their service in France did their duty in a way which endeared them to the hearts of all the allied soldiers.

Norman was a passenger on the Magnolia, that boat on which two members of the outfit were killed during target practice the day out from there. After they had put back to New York harbor and exhibited the

cargo in detail, they found a bomb primed and timed to go off in mid-ocean. On top of this experience, they had two encounters with subs on the trip the last when they were but a day's journey from the English coast.

His outfit sailed from Brest on the twenty-sixth of March, 1919, arriving in New York aboard the Leviathan on April 2. During his seventeen days stay at Camp Mills, N. Y., Andersen met Billy Shanabrook and they had quite a reunion of their own. He was discharged at Camp Grant on the 22nd and arrived home the same day.

FIRM TO MANUFACTURE MOTOR CARS HERE

The Bradton Motors Co., formerly of Racine, Wis. have purchased the old chair factory and as soon as they can get the building in shape will start on the manufacture of automobiles.

Mr. George Fogle, vice-president and general sales manager, who has rented the Frank Keel residence on Washington street, will superintend the installation of the plant, and hopes in a short time to build up the factory to the same magnitude as their business was in Racine.

Mr. F. J. Clark is president of the concern and Mr. John F. Veitrol is the secretary and treasurer.

This factory will mean a good deal to the village and we wish them every success.

At their Racine plant the firm turned out five to six passenger cars a day, employing about forty-five men. They expect in a few months, to duplicate and even increase that output.

SOLDIERS FRIEND SAYS PLACE FOR THEM IS FIRST

Play Grounds in Downers Grove in regards to the Play Centers mentioned in the long article in last week's Reporter, while not wishing to retard any good work tending toward the betterment of our village just now seems an inopportune time. When the fifth Liberty Loan is about to be launched and many other necessary improvements which have been put aside when we entered the war must now be made. Children in crowded cities with no place to play but the street surrounded by crime and danger need supervision in their play but here where there are so many wide spaces and green slopes where children are always welcome, all this seems superfluous at this time. Let us give our returning soldiers a rousing welcome by providing them a place in which to meet and forget the awful past and plan for a happy future, show them the gratitude and pride we feel for what they have done for us. Other neighboring towns have proposed some place, Hinsdale with her club house, Naperville the Y. M. C. A., let us all unite in providing a place for our own returning heroes.

Soldiers Friend.

DUPAGE COUNTY IS NEAR TOP IN BUYING THRIFTS

DuPage County stands 36th in the list of Illinois' 102 counties in the March purchases of Thrift and War Savings Stamps. It is a matter of no little pride that so small a county as ours can outdo many with larger population and resources.

Purchases of these little war bonds in the county during the month of March were \$7,581.75. This figure is just a few dollars behind our big neighbor, Will county, which holds down 35th place.

Let's beat Will in April.

BUY VICTORY LOAN BONDS!

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CHURCH INTEREST IN SOCIAL SERVICE EXPLAINED

How and why the church is interested in social service problems was explained at S. Andrew's Mission on Wednesday evening by the Rev. J. B. Haslam, secretary of the social service commission of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Chicago.

"Thirty years ago," he said, "the generally accepted version of the mission of the church was that it was here to save souls. But the age of the individual has passed and today we believe that the church is here to save the world. He is the best Christian who does the most for his fellow men.

"The social service commission was organized not to stop the other activities of the Episcopal church but to unite them with a work just as essential and necessary if the church is to fulfill its full functions.

"Every community has its particular problem. It might be a colony of foreigners who should be Americanized; it might be inadequate wages in a factory, or that boys and girls are going to the dogs because they have no other place to go, or it might be a problem of misgovernment. In all these and similar questions the social service commission is interested.

"Another part of the work is to stand for, preach and advocate social justice. You may be sure that as reconstruction progresses the workman will not be satisfied to earn a day's wages and then sit down, as he did in pre-war days. He demands some say as to how the industry which embraces his life work, is to be carried on.

"We believe that it is the business of the church to aid in obtaining social justice. It would be a bad plan to assemble doctors and ambulances at the foot of a cliff and wait for people to fall over. A better scheme would be to build a stout fence at the top of the cliff. And that illustrates perfectly the church's idea of social justice.

"Why should the church be concerned with wages, working hours and conditions and industrial management? Because Jesus Christ was concerned with them. While he was on earth nothing interested him more. He relieved distress, succored needy, raised up those who fell and labored always to make happiness. He came from the mount of the Transfiguration and healed a boy afflicted with a devil. He went to a marriage feast and provided the guests with wine. He did not hold a prayer meeting.

The speaker also touched on the moving picture co-operation question and said that Mayor Thompson's commission is agreed that such control is necessary. He said the producers do not seem to have the right idea of what should be shown but that their viewpoint is improving under pressure of public opinion.

MANY MEMBERS RECEIVED IN M. E. CHURCH

Easter Sunday was a memorable day in the Methodist Church of Downers Grove.

The congregation filled the main auditorium and it was necessary to open the side rooms in the church.

The pastor, Rev. B. H. Fleming, received thirty seven members and probationers at the morning service.

It was an impressive sight and is said to be the largest number to be received into membership in this church in a single day in many years. The entire Official Board of the church consisting of about twenty men came forward at the request of the pastor and extended the right hand of fellowship to each of the new members.

It was a busy day for Pastor Fleming who, in addition to receiving this large class, baptized nine persons during the day. Because of the large number received it was necessary to omit the Easter Sermon which had been prepared.

Special music by the choir made the occasion a great success and one long to be remembered.

In the evening the large chorus choir under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Rasmussen, gave a sacred cantata, entitled "The New Life." This drew a full house and was rendered in a highly satisfactory manner.

The pastor announced that arrangements had been made for a sacred concert once a month on Sunday evenings during the summer.

WORD FROM LIEUT. HAEBICH

Lieut. I. Haebich is still with the 816th Pioneer Infantry and is located at Etain, France where this outfit is busily engaged on reconstruction work along the old battle front repairing the damage done to the roads by the heavy American Army traffic. Lieut. Haebich reported that he is in good health, receiving good food and the treatment is fine.

NOTES OF COMPANY H

Special Order No. 4. Dishonorable Discharge.

For disobedience to orders, for neglect of duty, for conduct unbecoming a soldier, for neglect in caring for State property, for repeated absence from drills without sufficient cause or proper excuse, Private Edward C. Antkowiak, East Grove is hereby discharged without honor from Company H, 2nd Infantry, Ill. Reserve Militia; and there shall be entered upon the records of the Company, against the character of said private Antkowiak the word unsatisfactory.

This order shall be published and copies sent to Regimental Headquarters for record.

Special Order No. 5. Dishonorable Discharge.

For repeated and continued absence from drills, for disobedience to orders and conduct unbecoming a soldier, Private Frank T. Safranski is hereby discharged without honor from Company H, 2nd Infantry, Ill. Reserve Militia; and there shall be entered upon the records of the Company against the character of said Private Safranski the word unsatisfactory.

This order shall be published and copies sent to Regimental Headquarters for record.

By order of: Captain B. E. Balczynski. R. S. Schultz, 1st Sergt.

TREE PLANTED ARBOR DAY TO HEROES MEMORY

An elm tree was planted on the west lawn of the Library grounds last Friday afternoon in honor of the memory of local boys who had given their lives in the great war, just passed.

The school children and many people of the town assembled on the lawn to pay tribute to the memory of those who had gone forth from here and would not return.

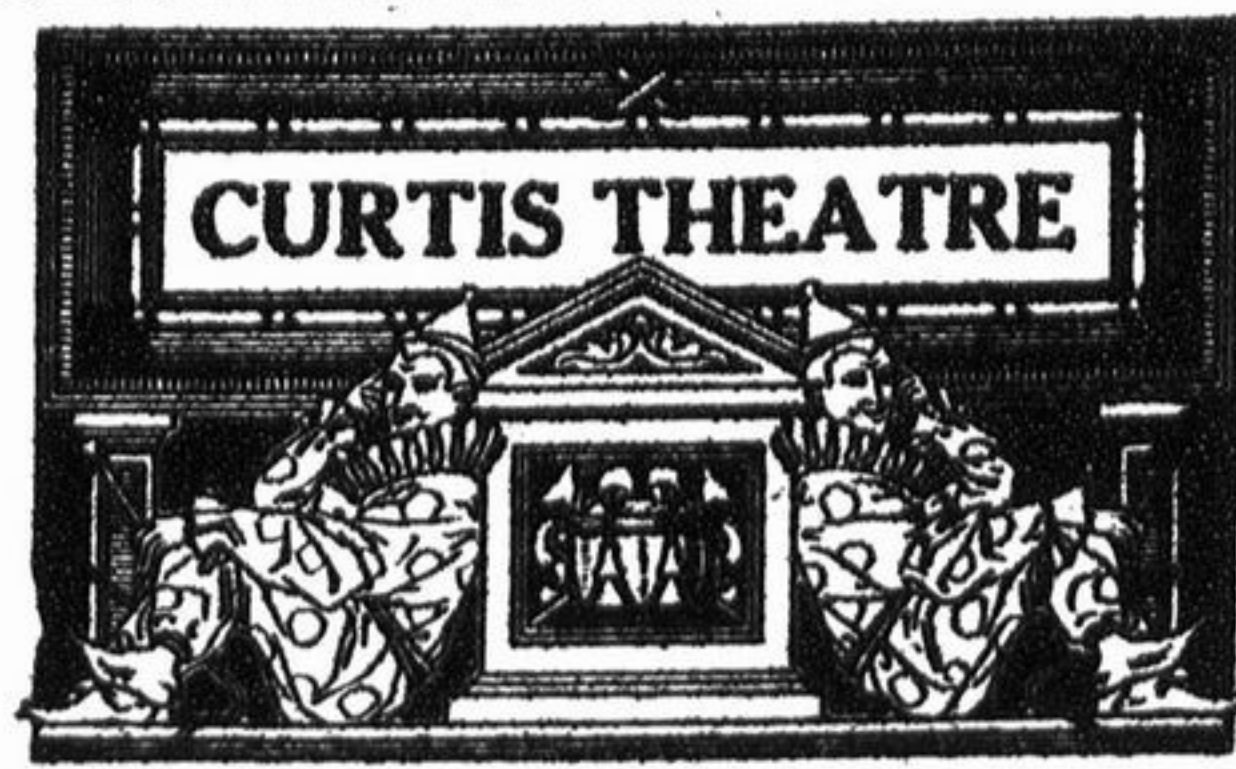
Impressive exercises opened with prayer by the Rev. B. H. Fleming of the Methodist Church and closed the same way by the Rev. H. M. MacWhorter, of S. Andrew's Church marked the afternoon. The school children sang "America" and as the glorious flag of our Union was unfurled to the breeze, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Owen Griffiths, who was one of the throng of local boys in the service, recited the names, outfits and facts regarding the death of those six boys whose blue stars in our service flag have turned to gold.

James Milnes gave Lincoln's Gettysburg Address after which everyone recited the allegiance pledge in unison.



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A most compelling production, crowded with big thoughts on the great human question of the day. A wholesome story touching the passions and virtues of a clean-cut group of people presents problems and offers cheering solutions. As an added attraction for today we have 2 acts of Loop Vaudeville; a big-V. 2-reel comedy, also announcing the Exclusive showing for Downers Grove every Saturday of the Great Vaudeville Movies. Something new and novel. Watch them every week.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29th

The Curtiss presents MITCHELL LEWIS

"The Code of the Yukon"

Agripping and fascinating tale of the life of a Canuck. Heartache and misery, followed by Joy and understanding. Mitchell Lewis in a fighting, loving, daring role in a drama of Power and Romance. He is a man big enough to take back his wife after she left him for no other reason in the world than she wanted the tinsel of life.

THURSDAY, MAY 1st.

ALICE BRADY in "THE INDESTRUCTIBLE WIFE" and the Great Chester Outing, also Pathe News.

Please note the new policy beginning this Saturday for the Curtiss, is the "open booking" plan in which our patrons may see the bigger pictures only. Selected picture productions are now exhibited at the Curtiss.

Prices, Children at the Matinee 5c. Adults 10c
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