

**FRED PLUMB HEARS FROM HIS BUDDY IN A. E. F.**

Following is an interesting letter to Fred Plumb, the Lisle boy soldier, who was wounded in the Argonne, from his Buddy still with the A. E. F. Dear Fred:

A few lines to let you know how everything is running around the old outfit. And to do some explaining. Guess I'd better do my explaining first. It is in regards to your personal stuff which no doubt you have been patiently waiting for. I asked Lt. Briggs about sending the package and he told me to wrap it up and he would O. K. it. I did and turned it in to the Orderly Room a few days after Christmas. I asked if stamps were needed and was told that they were not necessary. I thought the package had reached you until one day about a month ago when it was returned to me after evidently visiting every postoffice in France. It was necessary to have all such packages stamped. I therefore tried to get these insignificant pieces of paper at the "Y" and at various headquarters but without success. Then I was sent on a long trip which I will describe later and said package is still in my barracks bag. I expect to be back in May in a few days and whereas I had procured the said stamps I will send the package as soon as I arrive. Hope that it will be more successful in reaching you this time.

Have you received your discharge? How are you coming along? Has your foot healed up normal again? Let me know the condition of it.

We have a peach of an outfit now. Sgt. 1st Class Yarbey is our esteemed leader now and everybody is willing to do their bit. D. G. G. is a buck now. White is again Mess Sgt. and Chenoweth an Asst. T. M. The Cap. transferred to another outfit and we have a prince of a C. O. All duties willingly performed and punishments accepted without a growl for when a fellow gets them he deserves them. Another important feature is—that we have brand new Liberty trucks. I spoke before of the long trip. A bunch of us went to Marsailles to draw them. Oh, boy! Some burg Marsailles. Coming back we stopped in good burghs all the time and were allowed plenty of liberty. The larger towns we stopped at were Lyons, Chalons-sur-Saone and Dipon. We are waiting in Coblenz until the checking is over and usual red tape formula is finished and then we go back to Mayen.

We left Billy K. in a hospital in Marsailles to be operated on. The Division is publishing a newspaper, "The Watch on the Rhine." I am to become one of the members of its staff when I get back, doing both writing and drawing for it. I hope to get enough experience to do some good later on.

Well, old boy it hardly seems possible but next month we get our second Service Stripes. It doesn't seem like it has been eleven months since Tommy B. was looking for mail boys. We are scheduled—according to official order—to stay here until about Christmas, but I hope they desire to get rid of us war babies before that time.

Must close now as it is getting toward retreat, which is our only military duty while here. With best wishes from the boys of the Company and your old bunkie, Roy Hermeling.

**JIM RABY ALMOST CAPTURED HOUSE BREAKER MONDAY**

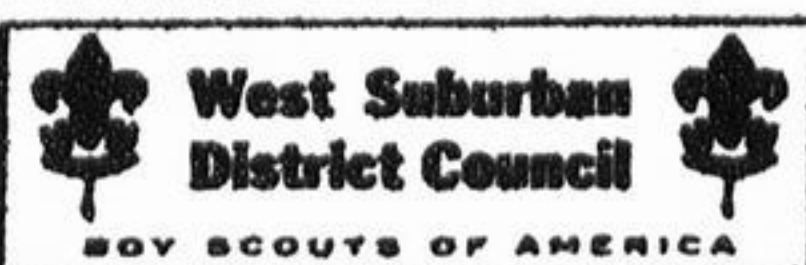
Monday evening about nine o'clock after Mr. and Mrs. James Raby had retired at their home on E. Curtiss Street they were startled by a ring at the front door. They made no move to answer and soon after the bell at the rear entrance to their home jangled. They paid no attention to either call and in a few minutes Mrs. Raby thought she heard a noise in one of the rooms. Mr. Raby investigated and saw a man in the dining room.

As soon as the marauder saw he was discovered he made for the back door and Mr. Raby made an ineffectual attempt to hit him. The burglar threatened to shoot if he wasn't left to go in peace and so made his get-away. He ran across lots to Washington Street.

Mr. Raby did not recognize the intruder or he might have the solution to the robberies and scares which are keeping local people on the anxious seat regarding their own homes and valuables.

**REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION**

On April 27th at 2 p. m. we will sell at public auction in Elmhurst, 3 houses and large lots, 28 acres of timber land and 78 acres of choice farm land. For information see J. V. Fisher, 118 N. Main St., Elmhurst, Ill. 147-R.



The annual father and son banquet of the Boy Scouts will be held at the Methodist Church Thursday evening, May 8th at 6:30 o'clock. The Council voted to invite the Camp Fire Girls to join in this occasion and it will not only be a father and son but a mother and daughter banquet. Presentation of flags to troops Nos. 1 and 2 and a troop flag to No. 3 will take place on the lawn immediately preceding the banquet. Program will be announced later.

Troop No. 3 has been formed with A. F. Brevillier as Scout Master. This troop starts with twenty boys and Leo Rogers acting Assistant Scout Master. It is expected this troop will soon have its quota in our village.

The executive officials of the West Suburban District are endeavoring to find a summer camp for the Scouts more conveniently accessible than Owasippe. F. N. Davis has been appointed one of the committee on Camping and out door activities.

Donald Towsley was elected scribe of Troop No. 2 at its last meeting. At this meeting also a guard from the troop waited upon Dr. Leach, escorted him to the gymnasium where he gave the boys a talk on army life and war experiences.

**N. W. COLLEGE GLEE CLUB IS COMING SOON**

The Men's Glee Club of Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois has been booked by the Young People's Alliance of the First Evangelical Church for a popular concert on Thursday evening, May 1st.

The glee clubs from Northwestern have sung here in Downers Grove before and were always a big drawing card. The lovers of good singing and instrumental music and lively entertainment of the varied sort which a group of college lads can always furnish are sure to be there.

We had to give them a good, ... T guaranteed to get them to come, ... they are so good that we knew it would be well worth while.

Mr. K. E. Tholin, president of the Y. P. A. will have charge of the advance sale of tickets. You will want to buy a reserved seat ticket early, to be sure to get into the church that night for the concert. For there will be costume, comic and lighting effects in some of the numbers, as well as music. You will want to see them sing!

Posters are on display with a photograph of the Glee Club and the director, Prof. C. J. Attig, and the special artists and the reader, Mr. Geo. R. Pflaum. Take time to look at those posters! Then we know you will want to come for they are a jolly crowd of good singers. We have heard them and we know.

Program  
Part I.  
Soldiers Chorus from "Faust"  
Gounod  
Glee Club  
Reading, Selected Geo. R. Pflaum  
When the Boys Come Home Parks  
Glee Club  
Quartet, Selected  
Moscr, Baucrnfeind, Haumersen, Laubenstein  
Glee Club Pestalozza  
Giribiribim  
Part II.  
Bill of Fare Zollner  
Glee Club  
Solo, Bedouin Love Song Pinsuti  
Prof. C. J. Attig  
Hark the Trumpet Buck  
Glee Club  
Reading, Selected Geo. R. Pflaum  
Instrumental Number  
Group of Songs Selected  
Glee Club

Of course this program will be supplemented with an indefinite number of encores when called for and you will call for them. The proceeds of the concert will go to the fund for the superannuated ministers; so the money you give brings cheer to yourselves and to others.

**COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT PLANS FOR UNITED CHURCHES**

The committee appointed to do so, Rev. R. K. Schwab, Rev. J. B. Little and Mr. H. G. Butler, last Saturday evening drafted a plan of organization for a sort of church federation among the five Protestant churches of Downers Grove. This plan will be submitted to the churches in the near future for their discussion and adoption. We are glad to see our churches getting together in this practical way to promote Christian brotherhood and unity in moral and social action. It is the trend of the times and we are keeping up.

**NOTES OF OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**The Reading Habit.**

I feel sorry for the wight who can't sit down with a book, and experience do light in his cozy inglenook; who can't wrestle with the bars, storing knowledge in his hed, but must play a game of cards, or go yawning off to bed. Let me have a stack of tomes, piled about me on the floor, tales, biographies and pomes, and my heart will crave no more. Then the weary world may wag any way it please, and the night hours will not drag, but will scot like bumblebees. I don't care to talk a streak or to argue politics, or to listen for a week to the silver throated hicks! I am tired of crokinole and of checkers and chess; poker puts me in the hole, so does bridge whist more or less. All the games I know are boring, and increase my load of woe, when the tempest howls outdoors, and there is no place to go. Bring me then a stack of books, while my neighbor yawns and nods, and the evening to me looks like a present from the gods.

Walt Mason, Chicago Daily News.

Some new and old favorites.  
Darrell of the Blessed Isles  
Irving Bachelor  
The Little Minister James M. Barrie  
Jane Eyre Charlotte Bronte  
Sky Pilot Ralph Connor  
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Sir A. Conan Doyle  
Adam Bede George Elliot  
First Violin Jesse Fothergill  
Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come John Fox Jr.  
The Millionaire Baby Anna K. Green  
Luck of Roaring Camp Bret Harte  
Samantha Among the Brethern Marietta Holly  
Ramona Helen H. Jackson  
The Music Master Charles Klein  
Mulshipman Easy Capt. Marryat  
House of a Thousand Candles  
Meredith Nicholson  
A Singular Life Elizabeth Phelps  
Freckles Gene S. Porter  
Peter F. Hopkinson Smith  
Ivanhoe Sir Walter Scott  
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea Jules Verne  
The Man from Home Harry Wilson  
The Virginian Owen Wister  
Shepherd of the Hills Harold B. Wright

**LARGE NUMBER ATTENDED ANNUAL EASTER MATINEE**

The Easter Matinee, under the direction of the Civics and Philanthropy Department of the Woman's Club, has become one of the bright spots of the Easter time to those who are accustomed to attend. The program last Saturday was especially attractive and the large attendance made the event a real success.

The organ numbers by Miss Mariana Roe, assisted by Miss Grace Towsley at the piano, fittingly began and closed the afternoon of music. The "Ode to Spring" by the Ladies' Quartet and solos by Miss Alice Schliesman were artistically rendered, also Boronski's "Adoration" as played by Miss Mamie Engelschall. Miss Schliesman of Chicago, has a rare voice and was at her best in the "Ave Maria," with violin obligato by Miss Engelschall. Mrs. Ralph Boaz accompanied several numbers with her usual skill.

Mrs. Marie Jane Herring of Hinsdale, gave the audience a real treat in the reading of "The Old Lady Shows her War Medals" by Barre. Mrs. Herring read with great feeling and as only an artist could do. The members of the Club are indebted to all the talent who made such a pleasant afternoon possible.

**Not the Right Tune.**

A certain man was angry one night and began to swear in the presence of his wife. The latter, thinking she might shame him into quitting, decided to imitate him and swore fervently, using the same oaths that he did. He looked at her in amazement for a few minutes and then remarked, "Well, you have the same words but you haven't got the right tune."—Exchange.

**The Black Diamond.**

Although white diamonds come chiefly from the Transvaal, the black diamond is found in its greatest purity in Brazil and especially in the Province of Bahia. For its finest specimen so far discovered a price of £20,000 was paid—quite insignificant when compared with prices paid for white diamonds.

**Her Excuse a Good One.**

Carrie was invited to a party. Her mother cautioned her not to begin eating her goodies until all around the table had been helped. Carrie was honored with the first helping to ice cream. In a few moments she said: "Excuse me for eating my ice cream before it melts. I enjoy it best while it is frozen."

**LEST WE FORGET**

The following is an editorial clipped from "The Stars and Stripes" the official newspaper of the A. E. F. and sent to us by one of the local boys for publication.

"Mrs. Gertrude Bostrom, of Santa Cruz, California, mother of an American killed in battle, has received a letter from the German soldier in whose arms he died. Written at Schaufenberg bei Achen on October 13, the letter said:

"I will communicate briefly the sad news that your son, Walter fell in battle on the 2nd of October, 1918. I myself gave him assistance, but he fell asleep in my arms and was buried by German comrades in Wenn Wade, near the village of Tonel, Northern France. If it is possible for you to answer the letter, even if it is not until after the war, it would give me sincere pleasure.

"With heartfelt sympathy for your fallen son, enclosing two letters and a photograph he left, from

Hans Pern. Every once in a while something happens which, to the great annoyance of statisticians and propagandists, reminds us all that the late war was a mighty clash of peoples which, unfortunately involved human beings."

**HOTTEST SCHOOL ELECTION ENDS; SHAFFER VICTOR**

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a few hundred ballots were counted. Following is the vote:  
For President

James R. Shaffer ..... 646  
John W. Graves ..... 593  
For Members of Board (Full Term)  
Horace G. Butler ..... 781  
Walter R. Curtis ..... 714  
Mrs. Stacy H. Verdenius ..... 578  
For members of Board (To Fill Vacancy)  
Mrs. Minnie Prince ..... 699  
George O. Prickett ..... 510

We now have a new school board and with very able people serving. It behooves every loyal resident of Downers Grove, no matter how they stood before, to get behind this board and help them in whatever way possible.

We should endeavor to forget the mud-slinging and the, in some instances, foolish things which were said and buckle down to make our schools the best anywhere.

Right now they are pretty average good schools, we venture to say better than most; and under the leadership of Professor Butler they have been brought to the fine place they today hold in our community life. If they can be made better let us all, election fights and everything else forgotten, get together and stick together to make them so.

Josephus, Flavius Josephus, the most celebrated of Jewish historians, was born at Jerusalem in 37. As a mark of gratitude for favors, he assumed the family name, Flavius, of the Roman emperor Vespasian. The date of his death is unknown. His most important works are "History of the Jewish War," "The Antiquities of the Jews," two treatises, "Against Apion of Alexandria" and "A Discourse on the Martyrdom of the Maccabees," and an account of his own life.

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**REV. R. SCHWAB CLOSURES PASTORATE AT 1ST EVANG.**

Rev. R. K. Schwab closed a successful year's work with the Easter Sunday services. He attended the Illinois Conference, in annual session in Elgin, this week. His successor will be appointed at the conference session. Rev. Schwab goes back to the U. of C. to pursue post graduate

divinity work. He will serve the First Congregational Church at Three Oaks, Mich., as a student pastor. His new address is 5757 University Ave., Chicago, Ill. Chicago phone number, Midway 9263. He will be pastor in charge here until after Sunday, May 4th.

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**LINCOLN GARAGE**

H. C. KAMMEYER PHONE 16  
HINSDALE, ILL.

**BUILD NOW!!**

One of Uncle Sam's big men says, "Let's make America a better place in which to live. **Build Now** the homes, churches, schools and roads which the war stopped." W. B. Wilson, Sec'y U. S. Dept. of Labor.

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