

HICKS BILL WILL PROVIDE PROPER TEACHER'S PAY

Never has the truth of the old adage: "Necessity is the mother of invention" been more clearly demonstrated than in the passage of the Hick's revenue bill by our State legislature, granting an increase of tax for educational purposes, if communities so desired.

For many years, Boards of Education, have been seriously handicapped in their work because of lack of funds not only in Downers Grove but all over our state and in other states as well.

We are glad that the Downers Grove school is to benefit by this increase of funds, and that the teacher is coming into her own, all over this land. Necessity has demanded that she be better paid. We have been very slow to see this need, and certainly nothing short of a calamity has been averted by the timely passage of this bill.

The U. S. Army man, says the soldiers won the war because they fought in the trenches. The U. S. Navy man says the sailors won the war, because of the skill, courage and endurance of the sailors who manned the transports that carried the army and provisions thru treacherous seas. The Artist says—Art won the war—for had it not been for the attractive, convincing posters, advertising the work of Red Cross, Liberty loans etc. the money needed to carry on the war could not have been raised. Still another has said the teacher won the war—for it is largely due to the influence and patience of the teacher, that young America, acquired those sterling qualities which characterized the American soldier, sailor and marine and made them the envy of the world and the joy and pride of our country. The teacher would not claim this homage paid her we are quite sure, but the importance of the teacher in every community is too little realized. Let us rally to the teacher as never before. Now and in the years to come.

CHAPLAIN OF 149 F. A. TO ADDRESS LOCAL BOY SCOUTS

The monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Local Council Boy Scouts was held in the high school building Tuesday evening. At this meeting Dr. W. S. Bebb was elected a member of the executive board, for the unexpired term of Rev. R. K. Schwab. Owen Griffith was approved as assistant scout-master for Troop No. 1. The following scouts came before the council and took an examination or test for National medals, as follows:

- FIRST AID: Myron Wimmer, Clifford H. Sedwick, E. H. O'Neill, K. H. Kellogg; FIREMANSHIP: Jack Dawson, Donald Van Valen, Myron Wimmer, Wm. J. O'Neill, K. H. Kellogg; PERSONAL HEALTH: Jack Dawson, Donald Van Valen; POULTRY: Vernon Fuller.

The tests were conducted by Prof. N. R. Feasley, Chairman of the Court of Honor, assisted by Dr. Bebb and J. R. Shaffer. Further opportunity will be given the scouts at the next monthly meeting, which will be held on the third Wednesday evening in June, to take medal tests.

Chaplain McCollom of the 149th Regiment will address the Boy Scouts at 5 p. m. Wednesday, May 28th. Each scout will be entitled to invite some other boy as his guest for this meeting.

The local council will endeavor to make arrangements whereby the Downers Grove Scouts can go to a regularly organized and supervised scout camp near Palatine, Illinois, at an expense of three dollars and seventy-five cents per week, exclusive of transportation. Arrangements may also be made for scouts to go to Camp Owasippe, near Whitehall, Michigan, the expense of which will be about twelve to thirteen dollars for two weeks. The cost of maintaining a boy at home would be as much as the cost for maintaining him in camp at three dollars and seventy-five cents. Why not send him to camp and see what it does for him?

The troop of preparatory scouts is being given instructions and drills by Charles G. Kester.

National Boy Scout Week will be observed all over the country June 8th to 14th. If you want to do something to help the boys in town communicate with or call F. N. Davis.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

The May meeting of the local society was held at the home of Mrs. J. D. Gillespie. There was a good attendance and much interest shown in plans for future work.

The society will hold a bakery sale in Gillespie's hardware store, Saturday May 24th from ten o'clock.

Organized Labor and Liquor.

Fully one-half of the more than one hundred international labor unions in the United States have taken some action regarding the liquor question. Many will not pay sick or death benefits if the member was killed or injured while intoxicated. Others have adopted resolutions forbidding all local unions from holding their meetings in places controlled by saloons. A very considerable number suspend or expel members who enter a lodge in a state of intoxication. In many cases they will not admit a man who is known to be a habitual drinker of intoxicants. Others will not admit to membership men who are engaged in the sale of intoxicants which means that if a member of the union gives up his trade and enters the saloon business, he is not permitted to retain his membership in the organization and some unions have a clause in their contract with employers permitting him to instantly discharge a man for drunkenness.

DOWNERS GROVE CHURCH SCENE IN LESLIE'S WEEKLY

In Leslie's Weekly, the issue of May 17, 1919 is reproduced a picture of the Downers Grove "church of the closed street."

It is one taken last August at which were present the Red Cross workers in uniform; the Boy Scouts and other organizations. Many of the people can be easily recognized.

Regarding the picture Leslie says: "The churches of Downers Grove, Illinois, have solved the summer Sunday evening problem by an out-of-door union service of the five Protestant churches. The auditorium of 'The Church of the Closed Street' consists of a centrally located block closed to traffic during the service. On the opposite side of the street the steps and vestibule of the Congregational church provide a place for the ministers and choir. Overhanging trees add to the beauty of the spot."

WOLFF — SHERIDAN

Relatives and friends of Miss Florence Wolff and Albert H. Sheridan were preparing to participate in a wedding at the Wolff home on Rogers Street this week Wednesday.

The young couple, however, did not relish the idea of the fuss, feathers and rice of a wedding and decided to slip off by themselves. So they were quietly married by Judge Newcomer in Chicago last week Wednesday, May 21st and had their wedding supper at the home of relatives.

Mrs. Sheridan is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolff and the groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Alice M. Sheridan, of Peoria. He is employed in the bakery of his brother-in-law, B. R. Graham. He recently returned from France where he saw service with an engineering regiment.

They will make their home with the brides parents at 104 Rogers St.

MANY CHEAP COFFEE BRANDS MADE FROM DANDELION

Urbana, Ill., May 22nd, 1919.

Much of the "surpassing" cheap brand of coffee is made from dandelion root, according to Prof. William Trelease of the department of Botany at the University of Illinois. Dandelions, he points out, belong to the chicory family and the root is used to adulterate coffee, much as is chicory. It is also used to adulterate chicory. Professor Trelease believes that the dandelion, which is generally considered a pest to good lawns, is a very useful plant which has strayed from its proper place in the garden where it is cultivated.

Besides being used for cheap grades of coffee the plant yields a milky juice which in the form of extract is used as a medicine. The blanched leaves of the dandelion are often used for salads. They are also used for greens.

In America there are two varieties of the dandelion, both of which are weeds. One kind has an olive colored fruit pod, while the other has a red fruit pod. The latter is not so good for greens since the leaves are stringy and cook down to almost nothing.

There are 57 varieties altogether, most of which are native to Europe. In French gardens where they are cultivated they are delicious especially for salads. The leaves are used to feed silkworms when mulberry leaves are not available.

Many people believe that dandelions are used for butter coloring. This is a mistake, however as the name dandelion on the package is a trade mark. The coloring is made from coal tar dyes.

D. A. R. EXTENDS INVITATION

Naper Post, G. A. R. extends an invitation to the Professor, teachers and children, the veterans of the World War, Company H. I. R. M., and other organizations and societies to participate in the annual Decoration Day services next Friday.

Those who will take part in the parade are to meet at the G. A. R. Hall at 2:30 p. m. The services in the cemetery will be held at 3:00 o'clock.

ONE DAY AHEAD NEXT WEEK—COPY EARLY — PLEASE

Next week Friday, May 30th, is Memorial Day and a holiday. Consequently we will print one day earlier, on Thursday morning.

Our contributors can greatly assist us in getting out on time by getting their copy to the office one day earlier than usual. Monday is not a day too soon, any time as well as this week. Please co-operate.

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