

EX-SERVICE MEN RECEIVED REAL CHOW WEDNESDAY

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ated, was served by the wives, mothers and sisters of the boys. The "K. P's," as those who serve the tables in the army are known, were very industrious and saw to it that everyone ate as much as he could hold. "Seconds" and "thirds" were the order from G. H. Q. (Gustatory Headquarters) and orders must be obeyed. Enough real food was put away by the diners to last them for some days.

After flash light pictures had been taken and songs had filled the air almost every child in Downers Grove filed into the hall and out again. Headed by a drum and bugle corps wearing red, white and blue caps and blowing on horns they gave the boys a greeting which they will long remember.

The rendition of two songs, "My Son" and "When the Boys Come Home" by Miss Gwendolyn Griffith, was beautiful and heartily applauded by the crowd.

After the chow everyone adjourned to the outdoors where under the service flag a welcome home reception was tendered the returned heroes.

Following was the program:

The Star Spangled Banner Invocation, Rev. Hugh MacWhorter Welcome, John F. Kidwell Pres. Community Welfare League Welcome, Mayor W. C. Barber Song, Benson Quartette Address of Welcome, J. F. Jenness Song Benson Quartette and Community Address, "Our Boys," Dr. Encas B. Goodwin Song Benson Quartette and Community Presentation of Banner, R. W. Bond Reason, Capt. T. H. Shusser 32nd Division, A. E. T. Song Benson Quartette America

Ex-mayor Kidwell and Mayor Barber opened the program by short words of welcome.

Rev. James F. Jenness, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church gave the Address of Welcome and Dr. Encas B. Goodwin talked on "Our Boys." Each speaker was received with loud acclaim from the great crowd present.

In behalf of the donors, the relatives of the boys who served, R. W. Bond, Adjutant of Naper Post, G. A. R., presented a beautiful silk American flag to the boys. Capt. T. H. Shusser responded with a telling talk on how these brave Americans turned the tide and brought a glorious victory out of seeming defeat. He said "these boys in camp and trench on the march and in battle have earned what the flag stands for and they will ever and ever hold it dear, and fighting if they must to uphold its glorious history."

Closing the program the audience sang "America."

Closing the wonderful evening was the dance in the garage. Here the men in uniform and as many more as the floor could accommodate, danced until late in the night.

The banquet committee, L. B. Wells, J. W. Nash and Chas. Mochel, have been working for weeks on the menu and the preparations. They have met night after night to perfect arrangements and in trying to please all have been diplomats worthy of a seat at the peace table.

Not only did the work preceding the event, but all day Wednesday and during the evening their one task was to see that everyone had a good time.

Words cannot express the hard work and real helping handiness of John F. Kidwell, not only for this occasion but for other things which Downers Grove has done during the year and since the signing of the armistice. Mr. Kidwell donated the garage for the occasion and the services of the employees went with the garage.

It would hardly be fair to pass up in this story the "man of ideas," Howard P. Jones. He is the self-starter for the activities of the Community Welfare League and it is due to his untiring efforts as much as anyone that the affair was the huge success it was.

The Welcome Orchestra opened the festivities by playing the National Anthem and during the dinner favored with several selections. This band of local musicians under the direction of Miss Essie Nash were organized for welcoming the boys. Already they have donated a piano for the room, and their untiring efforts have assured the success of these Welcome Home occasions.

What shall we say about the mothers, sisters and wives and sweethearts of the men who had the real work to do, that of preparation and serving? The only thing is ask the boys who ate the supper, they have words to express appreciation which are not to be found in any dictionary. The light in their eyes as they think of that "chow" will be your answer.

Nearly preparations are being made and plans discussed for the final welcome home and banquet which will be given when all Downers Grove boys have returned. It will eclipse the one of Wednesday in size and every other way.

You can contribute money or suggestions for it starting RIGHT NOW.

CONGRESS PARK TO PLAY B. B. HERE TOMORROW

The Congress Park nine comes here tomorrow afternoon for a game with the local baseball team.

The baseball field is the place where the battle will be waged and it is expected to be a hot one.

Downers Grove players have been recently practicing for weeks and a good game is expected.

HOT WEATHER SPECIAL

At the First Baptist Church Sunday evening. The entire service will be in charge of Miss Grace Towlesy assisted by Miss Blossom Plumly, Mr. George Nargney, Mr. D. O. Jones and others. Those fond of good music cannot afford to miss this hour. Time 8:00 p. m. sharp!

PROTESTS CLAUSE IN BILL ABOUT TO PASS LEGISLATURE

Downers Grove, Ill., June 17, 1919. Editor Reporter:

There is now being considered in the Illinois Legislature Bill No. 411 which provides for the "rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons." On page two, lines 12-15, the Bill claims to offer facilities for rehabilitation to the choice of the individual, but the whole structure of the Bill points in the opposite direction. Any step in legislation which tends to curtail the freedom of individuals along medical lines is a backward one and should be exposed and denounced as strongly as any of the subtle workings of Prussianism.

The open-minded, patriotic citizen of real America, who is keen to detect these compulsory and autocratic workings against the rights of individuals as given us embodied in the Constitution of the United States of America, will see to it that this Bill before being passed by the House, is amended in such manner as will leave no doubt in the minds of any but their power of choice rests with the "physically handicapped person" himself, while at the same time not taking from him one iota of benefit the State desires to give him.

Under the provisions of this Bill, as it now reads, the Department of Public Welfare would determine who are physically handicapped persons, whether they are susceptible to rehabilitation and what should be done for them. Then the same department would proceed to do what ever it thought best for such persons on its list. The State of Illinois under this Bill would undertake more than was ever undertaken by Germany or even Prussia in becoming paternal, autocratic power. These facts should be presented to your Representative at an early date. The Representatives from our district are Hon. James B. Bentley, Hon. Wm. R. McCabe and Hon. Michael F. Hennerty, all addressed in Springfield, Illinois.

"Self-Determination"

PHYSICAL TRAINING LAW TAKES EFFECT IN MICH

All boys and girls attending school in the State of Michigan, less than 16 years of age, are physically unfit. This condition has been caused by the unwholesome conditions revealed by the First Medical Examining Board where it was found that only 16 per cent of the boys of twenty-one years of age were effective and only 22 per cent of those of thirty were fit to fight. Scientists of physical ineffectiveness look to the school rooms and have determined that careful physical training, play games, athletics and thorough health care by the teachers will be the only remedy for this evil. One Michigan city reports 85 per cent of children suffering from decayed teeth and 45 per cent from infections of the mouth and neck.

Therefore, Michigan now requires that cities of over 3000 inhabitants must have competent physical training instructors and the necessary means and place for instruction.

The following states have a place with Michigan on the roll of honor: New Jersey Washington New York Oregon Illinois Utah Maryland Maine Delaware California Rhode Island Nevada

In some states where the law is already in operation smaller towns have met the requirements by sending teachers to summer school instead of employing a special teacher from the outside. Thus, they have obtained sympathetic interpretation of the Law and developed home talent.

The happiness and entertainment of the students who will come from Michigan will be a feature of the Battle Creek Summer School. The big out-door gymnasium with swimming pool, diving tower, tennis courts hand-ball court built on the squash-racquet principle are all ready for new comers.

Battle Creek Normal School of Physical Education has the facilities to meet the needs of principals and superintendents in training students and teachers and a large registration is expected from the homes of Michigan that expect to be prepared for this new era in education.

Evidently the man who makes the weather for us thinks the first of July is already here. No rain for weeks.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TALKS TO GRADUATES

Graduation exercises of St. Joseph's school were held in Dicke Theatre last Friday evening. The theatre was crowded with an appreciative audience. The entertainment was both educational and patriotic. Connecting and songs and dances of the beautifully costumed children was a narrative thread that detailed the inspiring history of our flag. The opening address was delivered by the Rev. Hugh MacWhorter, pastor of St. Andrews Church. Presentation of Diplomas was made in an appropriate manner, and with kindly words of advice by Mr. T. J. Shaffer, president of the Board of Education. The principal address to the graduates was by Mr. C. B. Bowman, County Superintendent of Schools. He said in part:

"The other day I met a university graduate and after conversing on various subjects we drifted to the subject of religion. 'Religion,' he said, 'is of little interest to me because I do not believe in God.' 'Really,' I said, 'how interesting and why do you not believe in God?' 'Because' said he, 'I am an evolutionist. The only difference between a man and a horse is that the man has a finer quality of brain than a horse.' 'How interesting,' again said I. 'But,' I continued, 'since it is only a matter of quality, and since man is greater than all because of the finer grade of his brain, since the brain of man has become finer by exercising it, just as you say the neck of a horse has become longer because he stretched it, trying to reach the high, juicy leaves of a tall tree, then why doesn't it happen that when I tiele this head here the top of it doesn't laugh?' He said, 'You are not serious.' 'Oh yes, I am serious. I am serious young man because I see clearly the real reason why you do not believe in God is because you do not want to believe in God.'"

And that is the way with most people. They believe just so much as their heads tell them. They go through life like blind and deaf people. Their eyes are wide open but they do not see. Some young men come back from overseas and the only thing they can talk about is the difference between the young women of France and the young women of Downers Grove or Naperville. Their eyes saw only of what their minds were thinking. Girls, when I was teaching in Palestine some years ago and was standing on the Plain of Escholien, that bleak and desolate plain so full with monuments of great events, I found myself saying to myself, 'You wouldn't see a girl of a certain type and class? That girl had a certain quality which the Holy Land had never seen before. It was a girl who had been in the land only a few days and her eyes had seen only the things which we see every day. We must not only look at the things which are before us, but we must see the things which are behind them. That is the secret of education, to make the student see things which would ordinarily be hidden to him as broad minded as life itself.

The graduates were Mathilda Bander, Antoinette Schmidt, Margaret Smith, Katherine Deegan, Martina and Louise Barnickel, Eleanor Baron, Anna Banks, Henry Pfaff, Frances Strala and Lyman Dum.

BAKERY SALE SATURDAY

The Ladies Aid of the First Congregational Church will conduct a sale of "Home Baked" bread, cakes and pastry in the store of Lehman and Michel during the hours from 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. tomorrow, adv.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS ON ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schuetz of So. Main Street, entertained about thirty relatives and friends at their home last Saturday evening, the occasion being their fifth wedding anniversary.

The house was beautifully decorated with peonies and daisies and supper was served on the porch. After a very dainty and satisfactory meal the evening was spent playing five hundred.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuetz were presented with a beautiful fernery as a memento of the occasion. The following people and their families were present: Mr. and Mrs. Connelly and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Firman, Mr. and Mrs. Hillar, Mr. and Mrs. Rahmanop, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lehmann of Oak Park and Mr. and Mrs. Will Mochel and Mr. Philip Rohmer of the Grove.

CALLS FOR PAYMENT OF RECREATION PLEDGES

The Downers Grove Recreation Association pledges are now due.

Pledges made for the support of this worthy community proposition became due on June 9, 1919 when Mr. John C. Greiner, Director of Recreation started a program of activities. Mr. Greiner is in residence at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brooks, 27 East Curtiss Street.

Kindly make your checks payable to Mr. Samuel Curtiss, Treasurer and mail the same to him at once. Hugh M. MacWhorter, Chariman.

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Kicking the Farmer Lots of folks are kicking about the farmer—"the poor, misdirected, misguided, inefficient farmer"—you know how they talk. Why, they're so busy kicking about him, says The Country Gentleman that they don't realize how vastly more inefficient they are themselves. Look at the storekeeper—a lot of nerve he has, complaining about the farmer's inefficiency, when the percentage of store failures is way greater than that of farm failures! And look at Congress—was ever anybody more inefficient than were our law-makers during the war? I should say not! Fact is, it's a popular thing—in the cities and towns—to lambaste the farmer for everybody's faults. Somebody's got to be the goat; kick the farmer, they say. But those folks are flourishing without THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN. It is on the job for the farmer with both feet, every week, fifty-two times a year. If you want to know how, let me lend you my copy to read. After seeing only one copy, you'll say: "Put my name on the subscribers' list. How much? Only one dollar? Cheap at the price." Why not let me order for you this week? Just 1 Dollar for 52 Issues MINNIE HASKILL 38 Mackie Place Downers Grove An authorized subscription representative of The Country Gentleman The Ladies' Home Journal The Saturday Evening Post