

FORMER LOCAL PASTOR DIED LAST SATURDAY

As his wife was lowered into the grave at Forest Home Saturday afternoon, the Rev. A. W. Strickfaden closed his eyes and surrendered. When his children, Alma, Nelta and Wellington, entered the family home at 2615 Monticello Avenue, Chicago, toward evening a nurse raised her finger for quiet. He was unconscious. Twenty minutes later he died.

He had been ill ever since an attack of influenza last October. Worn out by constant attendance upon him, his wife Sophia died of heart disease Thursday.

Forty-three years a minister of the United Evangelical Church, Mr. Strickfaden retired four years ago. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, at the United Evangelical Church, Kimball and Medill Avenues.

Rev. Strickfaden in 1867 was pastor of the Evangelical Church on Maple Avenue here. He married Lena Gerwig sister of Fred Gerwig and Mrs. Emma Greps, while serving here and was well known to the older residents.

His first wife died fifteen years ago and in 1908 he married Miss Sophia Graff, also of Downers Grove.

He was buried at the side of his first wife at his old home, Groveland, Ill., on Tuesday.

CIVIL SERVICE WORKING WITH VOCATIONAL BOARD

Washington, June 30, 1919. United States soldiers, sailors, and marines who are injured in the service of their country are receiving special consideration at the hands of the United States Civil Service Commission and the Federal Board for Vocational Education, working in cooperation. When the Civil Service Commission receives an application for examination from a discharged Yank whose physical condition is such that he would not ordinarily be accepted, his case is referred to the Federal Board for Vocational Education. The Federal Board turns the matter over to a field officer who promptly goes out after the man and offers him the services of the Board's organization for special training to fit him for the work for which he has applied or for some other employment if it does not seem practicable to train him for the work for which he made application to the Civil Service Commission. Hundreds of such cases have been referred to the Federal Board by the Civil Service Commission.

Under a recent amendment of the Civil Service Rules, made on the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission, the Commission may waive the established physical requirements in favor of a disabled and honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine upon the certification of the Federal Board for Vocational Education that he has been especially trained for and has passed a practical test demonstrating his physical ability to perform the duties of the class of positions in which employment is sought.

SEND IT IN

If you have a bit of news. —Send it in; Or a joke that will amuse. —Send it in; A story that is true. An incident that is new. We want to hear from you. —Send it in. Never mind about your style. If its only worth the while. —Send it in.

ARMY WORM INVADERS

Reports from many districts in the county are to the effect that the army worm is doing much damage to crops. A survey of the situation is being made by the county officials. It is suggested that W. B. Heaton, County advisor, be notified as soon as the army worm appears in any locality.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our many friends and neighbors our heartfelt thanks for flowers and many kindnesses during the sickness and death of our father.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Staffeldt and children.

One for Mamma.

I sent my small daughter into the front room to do some dusting. Not hearing her around, I stepped quietly into the room and found her sitting by the window with her work unfinished. I said to her: "Don't you know Susan finds work for idle hands to do?" She quickly replied: "What be something like you."

HOSTESS HOUSE FAMILY REUNION

How It Happened to Entertain Only A. E. F. Mother Who Visited Army of Occupation.

BIG CORPORAL DUTIFUL SON.

No Knightly Courtiers Ever Acted With More Gallantry to Lady Fair Than Did He and His Doughboy Pals to This Little White Haired Woman Dressed Exquisitely in Black.

By GRACE GOULDER. (With the American Y. W. C. A. Overseas.)

Coblentz, Germany, March 23 (By Mail)

It happened right here in Coblentz. A big corporal came into the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House and asked for the director, Miss Ruth Woodsmall, who comes from Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Could my mother stay here?" he began at once, trying his best to cover his excitement.

"Your mother?" gasped Miss Woodsmall. "How did your mother ever get here?"

"Well, she isn't here yet, but if she comes will you keep her?" "Of course I will, but—"

She didn't finish, for the boy had smashed his cap back on his head and was out of the door on a run.

The corporal's visit remained a mystery for two days. Then one evening just at dusk a little white haired woman dressed exquisitely in black appeared in the sitting room of the Hostess House, and the corporal was hovering behind her, trying to be beside her and back of her and in front of her all at once.

He was carrying her coat—a big fur one. With them were three doughboys, pals of the corporal. They tried to keep in the background, but their eyes were glued on her face.

Everyone in the sitting room sat at attention. There are no English speaking men or women out of uniform in the Third Army area. Yet here was a woman in civilian clothes. Mothers are unlabeled with the army. But this was a mother, everyone knew.

After awhile someone found out about this mother.

Had Been Interned During War. She and her husband, who were born in Germany, but had been naturalized, lived in San Francisco. Before the war they left for Weisbaden, Germany, that their invalid daughter might have treatment at this famous health resort.

They brought their other children with them. One was Walter, a small boy, and the other was Ralph, now Corporal Stepp of the American Army.

When the war was declared they sent Ralph back to America, because he was of military age, and they did not want him to fight for the Kaiser. Then America entered the war.

Mrs. Stepp, Mrs. Anna Stepp, she is told this part of the story.

"Until a month ago I hadn't heard from Ralph for two years and a half, even before America got in the war. I was sure he was in the army or not, but I was sure he was because—well, because he is an American." Here she stopped a minute to smile up at him.

"After awhile we heard from some friends that he was in the army—and that he had come over here. That was all I ever knew. It's nearly five years since I have seen him!"

"Of course it was awfully hard—I couldn't get word to him and he couldn't to me. My husband used to tell me it wouldn't help Ralph any for me to cry. I tried not to—before the rest of them anyway. My daughter got worse steadily—she is no better. We couldn't get the proper food for her after awhile. And she hated to see me worried about Ralph, so I used to try to keep up before them."

"Last January my husband came to Coblentz about his citizen papers. An American soldier in Ralph's company who was in the office heard his name and asked him if he was any relation to Ralph. He didn't tell him Ralph was in Coblentz, but went after Ralph. He didn't tell Ralph his father was here. When they met they couldn't believe their eyes."

"Ever since then I have been trying to see Ralph. He couldn't come to Weisbaden because it was out of the American area, and I couldn't get through until today—more than two months."

They asked her if her Ralph had changed much in all that time.

"Oh, yes—very much. But do you know, I think it is because all that long time when I didn't know where he was or how he was—I got in the habit of thinking of him as he was when he was a baby—I kept seeing him as a baby and remembering the way he felt when he was little. Isn't that queer? And now look at him!"

And the corporal tried not to see the adoration in her eyes.

"Five years is a long time to wait to see your boy," she murmured, and kept her eyes on him. Again she had forgotten the people around her.

The corporal cleared his throat. "This is why I ask if you if you could keep my mother, Miss Woodsmall, I didn't want her to come unless she had a good place to stay. Ah, e-e—thanks awfully."

And that is the story of how the Hostess House happened to entertain the only known A. E. F. mother who has visited the Army of Occupation.

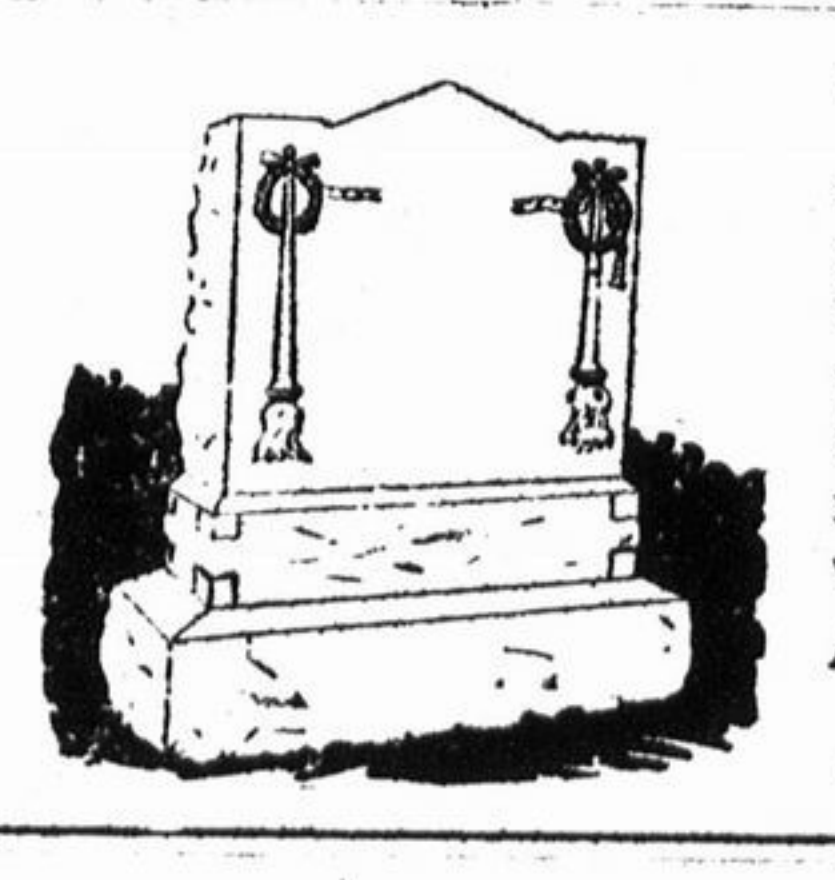
BIG MEETING OF EX-SERVICE MEN IS LOOKED FOR

On next Monday evening, July 7, ex-service men of Downers Grove and vicinity will hold a meeting at the G. A. R. Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to establish a post of the American Legion, the big organization of men who served in the army, navy and marine corps during the war.

Everyone in this vicinity who wore the U. S. uniform is urged by those in charge to attend this meeting.

It is expected that at least one hundred will be there.



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Some cynical persons have remarked that the Golden Rule has no place in business. They have taken the position that instead of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you, the only safe and sure plan is to do others before they have a chance to do you.

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Does Consumer Do His Part? The consumer expects the merchant to be honest and square and give him his money's worth for every penny that he spends with him, but how often does the consumer stop and ask himself the question, "Am I being as fair and honest with the merchant as he is being with me?" The consumer not only expects the merchant to give him honest weight and full measure at the lowest possible price, but he expects a world of other things at the same time. Nine times out of ten he expects the merchant to give him credit, and nine times out of ten the merchant does it. Many times he expects the merchant to "carry" him for three or four months before he pays for what he buys, and as many times the merchant does it. He expects the merchant to pay for advertising space in the church program which he is getting up, and the merchant does it. He expects the merchant to "kick in"

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