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SUNDAY BASEBALL

We are very much greived but not very much surprised at the attitude of the majority of the local clergy have taken in regard to Sunday baseball.

If the request for a repeal of the ordinance had come from any other source than the newly formed American Legion, an organization composed of ex-service men, we could better understand their opposition. They seem to lose sight of the fact that these men are the same ones who volunteered their services in humanity's cause when that cause looked blackest.

A few short months ago these same boys were heroes, not in their own estimation but in ours here at home. They have been told over and over that when they returned they could have anything in our power to grant and the first thing they ask for, and the something that hurts no one, we refuse.

It is our honest conviction that those in opposition to this Sunday baseball playing, are, by their attitude, doing more to drive the young folks from the church and the word of God than anything else. The returned soldiers and sailors are being antagonized and the attitude of the anti-baseball side is like the attitude of their officers, "if you want to do these things, we will issue an order against it" at least that is their viewpoint.

If these men want Sunday baseball, let's let them have it. If they want to run things here, let's let them do it. Goodness knows they have by their work done enough for us, let's do something for them.

THANKS FOLKS—BUT LET'S DO SOMETHING

We have had many compliments regarding our "Swimming" editorial in last week's paper. Nearly every faction in the village favors the proposition because the need is real.

Now LET'S DO SOMETHING! That fixing up the lake for a bathing pool will take money and much money, is granted. But money and much money can be raised for this as every faction in the town can get together. Church people and non-church people, "society" and just plain folks all like to swim.

Let's hear from those interested with a concrete plan for action so Downers Grove can enjoy her own "old swimming hole" during the hot days of next summer.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS

That Lieut. "Hard Boiled" Smith, who was in charge of prison farm No. 2, near Paris, where American soldiers were mistreated, has blamed Maj. Gen. F. S. Strong and Col. E. P. Grimstead for the conditions prevailing there. Every Downers Grove boy who was in the A. E. F. has some new story to tell of the inhuman way American boys were beaten and half starved there and at the Bastille. Every single person who was responsible for conditions such as these boys describe should be brought to justice. A real investigation and not a Congressional or War Department whitewash is wanted here.

That many Chicago people took advantage of the suburban service of various railroads in order to get to their places of business. If these people were wise they would remove themselves, bag and baggage to some real good suburb like Downers Grove where the street car botherith not and festive brick of the race or other rictor does not bounce from one's dome.

That Fitzgerald, the murderer of Janet Wilkinson, is to be brot to a speedy trial. A trial is something a man like that doesn't need, it is too humane.

That President Wilson has postponed his speaking tour of the country in behalf of the League of Nations on account of the hot weather. Probably he thinks his audiences will be so heated up over the covenants that cool weather will be necessary to keep them under control.

That ex-president Taft has sorta switched on a few of his opinions of our well-known Woodrow and his pet theories, than which there are none whicker.

That almost every trade and profession in the United States is either out on strike just through with a strike or just going to strike. Even the ministers of California have now started a union.

That Chicago landlords have increased rents from 20 to 50 percent again. Almost every business (but the lowly county newspaper) will be able to pay an income tax.

That the government expects a bigger coal famine this year than ever before. If our winter is to be as cold as the summer was hot we will all suffer.

That plenty of rain is being had by the folks on the eastern seaboard. Nuffsd.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY AUGUST 7TH

Thursday, August 7th, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold their annual picnic on Mrs. Austin's lawn, West Maple ave. All the ladies are cordially invited to come. A basket picnic. Call Miss May Batterham for information about the lunch.

CAMP CHECAUGAU CONTINUES TO BE ENJOYED BY BOYS

For the past week at Checaugau every night has been thief night, on which occasion unknown parties have helped themselves to the meat and other provisions of the camp and got away with it much to the chagrin of the guards. After two successful raids the guard tightened up and since then the night atmosphere has been rent often by calls for assistance from the guard as some wandering cow or sheep has sent the imagination of the scout on duty into intepse action.

The staff photographer from the Daily News was the central figure in the demonstration given for parents and visitors Sunday afternoon. Many times his camera clicked as the scouts did their setting-ups, did a squads right or left, or tore madly down the parade ground in a three-legged race.

Many a laugh is enjoyed by the staff over some remark of the scouts as they continue in their quest for knowledge of nature. The best one of the week can be labeled "The Discovery of a New Insect." Scout (displaying huge locust to staff member) "Whew, I've found a most magnificent new 'insect.' Do you know what it is?" Staff member, "That's one of the seventeen-year locusts." Scout "O. gee I thought it was a bull frog with wings." Smil from staff member. Scout, "Well, just look at its face!"

Two scouts playing the part of the hares Wednesday afternoon sped swiftly through the forests, down ravines, up streams, through the thickets, leaving a paper trail behind them. The pack of hounds composed of the rest of the campers followed madly in pursuit, finding perplexing problems in the way of double trails and broken scents due to the high wind. With but a two minute head start the hares succeeded in spending an hour and a half in the woods, returning safely to camp without being overtaken.

Wednesday evening the campers spent the camp fire period on their backs gazing into a perfect sky. Every star was gleaming its best. One by one the Big Dipper, the Little Dipper, Cassiopeia's Chair, the Pole Star and the Northern Cross were pointed out to the scouts. This instruction was given in preparation for the night trailing game which was to be held on the following night that the scouts might be guided by the stars. During the trailing game on Thursday night one scout made the startling discovery as he sought his directions that a "piece of the Big Dipper was gone." The majority of the campers, however, by continuous consultation of the heavens arrived safely in camp before 11 p. m. Others less studious arrived after 11 p. m.

Mr. O. F. Nachtwelt, an uncle of one of the boys in camp, living at 2673 No. Halsted, surely heard the rousing yell that was given him after the consumption of large plates of ice cream at Friday evening's mess, of which he was the donor.

Scoutmaster E. Wahland of Troop 870 of the North Shore District arrived in camp Monday morning with five of his scouts.

Mr. Frederick J. Gurney, Assistant Recorder at the University of Chicago,

was a visitor in camp Sunday, and gave the talk to the scouts at the Sunday evening camp fire church services. His topic was "A Scout is Clean."

MISS EMMA LEHMANN

Miss Emma Lehmann passed away at her residence 82 Fairmont avenue Friday morning, July 25th after a months illness caused by cancer.

Funeral was held Sunday, after short service at the home the body was conveyed to St. Paul's church where the Rev. Wm. Grotefeld conducted the services. Interment was made in the Lace cemetery in the family burial plot.

Emma Lehmann was born May 14, 1870 on the Lehmann homestead at Lace, she moved to Downers Grove with her parents in 1890 keeping house for them until their death.

She has been a member of St. Pauls Evangelical church ever since her residence in the village and for the last ten years has taught one of the Sunday School classes.

Miss Lehmann leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mrs. Art Drew and Mrs. Thos. Fitzgerald of Chicago, two brothers, Henry of Janesville, Wis., and George of Lace, besides numerous nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

HUGH PITCHER HAS PURCHASED GERWIG'S STORE

Hugh Pitcher, for many years an employe at the L. Klein meat market, has purchased the North Side Grocery and Market from Fred Gerwig. He will take possession August 11th.

Mr. Gerwig has been the owner of this business for more than twenty years. By unremitting labor he has built up one of the best businesses in town. He has made many improvements in the building, adding rooms in the rear. And by the installation of a modern front and modern merchandising fixtures, he transformed the country store into a real grocery.

For so long has Mr. Gerwig been identified with local business that he has become a fixture and many local people are sorry to see him go. Although gruff, his gruffness concealed a kindness of disposition which his old friends and customers knew.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerwig will travel for six months or so before settling down, where they do not know.

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THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES SAYS COUNTY

Preparations for Entertainment of Soldiers and Sailors, Sept. 6th is Progressing.

The Big Celebration is beginning to take form, and from all indications will be the biggest, most elaborate, and most expensive affair Du Page County has ever undertaken. The feeling is that the best and the most are not too good for the "Boys," and that these soldiers and sailors are to have "The time of their life" from the hands and hearts of a grateful people. Committees are making arrangements for decorations, reviewing stand, boxing ring, vaudeville stage, dancing place, speakers platform, etc. Township committees are busy. Under capable and energetic leadership of Supervisors eGorge Fix, W. W. Stevens and W. J. Yackley, Milton Township is already organized and making extensive preparations for a "huge feed" for her boys.

Lisle and Naperville Townships under the direction of Supervisors Adam Kohley and A. D. Miller are organizing sub-committees on Registration, Transportation, Parade and "Eats." Other townships are not reported but all are busy.

The Board of Supervisors will hold its regular monthly business meeting on the 6th of August at which time all budgets of expense of any Committee must be presented so that the Supervisors may make the necessary appropriations.

Only five more weeks! Everybody talk about it. Tell every soldier and sailor about it. Begin to get full of the expectation of it. And everybody come to the jolliest, happiest, free for all Saturday afternoon and evening.

OTTENS CANDIDATE FOR CONSTITUTION CONVENTION

George Ottens of West Chicago, secretary of the Du Page County Trade and Labor Council, has taken out a petition for filing as a candidate for the convention to revise the constitution of the State of Illinois. The petition has not yet been filed.

Two candidates have filed in Will County: They are George Barr, a brother of State Senator Richard Barr, and Ed. Corlette, right hand man of Congressman Copley.

No candidates other than the labor candidate have taken out petitions in Du Page County. It is said that at the primary there will be no candidate from either the Republican or Democratic parties.

Jesse L. Lasky Presents ETHEL CLAYTON in MEN, WOMEN, AND MONEY A Paramount Picture SOCIETY PICTURE OF MERIT DICKE THEATRE Tuesday, August 5th

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