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CO. H. I. R. M.

Hats off to Company H, Illinois Reserve Militia. Call them tin soldiers; call them home guards; call them what you will but after their ten days duty in the "stanches" of the stock yards district in Chicago you can but admire them.

From Capt. Balczyński on down thru 1st Lieutenant Carpenter, 2nd Lieutenant Kidwell and "3d Lieut." Schultz to the lowest private in the rear rank, they were ready when called and did their duty like men.

The months of hard drilling, hikes and practice showed up when a call came. Co. H arrived home last Friday evening, the honor outfit of the Second Regiment. They did more and better work than any other company and did it with better grace.

When the national guard was federalized state authorities saw the need of an armed force to protect home fires. The State Council of Defense organized the Volunteer Training Corps in the early summer of 1917 and out of this grew the reserve militia.

The local company has been organized for almost two years and during that time the men have been faithful to the duties imposed on them.

The race riots in Chicago showed the need for a properly organized and equipped force and gave those who have been unconspicuously giving their time and money to the cause a chance to show the state what they could do.

We are proud of the record Co. H has made for itself.

SUNDAY BASEBALL.

By a two to one vote last Saturday the people of Downers Grove decreed that the ordinance prohibiting Sunday baseball here be repealed.

It was one of the hardest fought elections Downers Grove has seen and a record vote was cast but—it is now over. Let each faction in the contest come back to a state of sanity after the excitement; and things will work themselves right again in short order.

Our advice to the American Legion which precipitated the fight is—give us clean Sunday baseball without rowdiness and other undesirable features and what little opposition is left will die a natural death.

It has been characteristic of Downers Grove in the past to let a thing like this blow over in about two weeks. People here go into a fight for all they are worth—but after its over and the smoke of battle has cleared away they are just as good friends as ever. That is a spirit which cannot hurt any town and we are glad we have it here.

RANBLING OBSERVATIONS.

Editorially the REPORTER was on the side of those who favored Sunday baseball and of course we are happy that it won.

We have been severely criticised by some people for saying anything about it at all. For these people and others who are not aware that a newspaper may have opinions we print the following explanation:

The editorial columns of a paper are reserved for the editor to voice his views on various subjects of the day. In newspaper ethics he cannot color the news so as to make it favorable to one faction or another. BUT, editorially he may say what he thinks of anything under the sun and if you don't agree with him you can say so. BUT he has a right to state his convictions.

In the little private war just over no fair-minded citizen can say we were anything but fair in the REPORTER. Each side had an equal chance to state their convictions and they used it. We did not color the news regarding the fight but we did support the American Legion editorially.

As clear as mud, isn't it?

BOYS, WE LIKE YOUR IDEA.

On another page the American Legion presents a proposition to the people of Downers Grove regarding Sunday baseball and athletics in general. Turn to it now and read it. In a few words state your opinion on the subject for publication.

Frankly, we like the idea and believe it would please every faction in the village. It is sane and logical and tends to show that the ex-service men are not trying to antagonize but work with and please a majority of the citizens.

In sending in your letters do not fail to sign them. We absolutely refuse to print any letter not knowing who the author is and we reserve the right to disclose the name of anyone sending in a letter for publication so as to protect ourselves.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT

The Cook-Lake Counties Committee of the American Legion has presented to Congress resolutions asking the passage of the bill giving soldiers and sailors six months pay in addition to the \$60 bonus already received. The United States is sadly behind other English-speaking countries in discharging its obligations to ex-service men in the form of gratuities and the bill should be passed.

President Wilson read a long statement on the high cost of living to Congress. Deeds, not words, are required in the present era of the profiteer in foodstuffs. If the government could fix prices during the war on commodities used by them for the carrying on of hostilities they can also fix prices of necessities used by everyone.

The Senate is having a little excitement on the question of league or no league. We rise to enquire "How many readers of the Reporter have read a complete draft of the covenants of the League of Nations and the peace treaty of which it is a part?" In reading it one becomes very much "balled up" regarding just what several paragraphs do mean. Almost everyone puts a different interpretation on several clauses. Get a copy and study it.

The bank robberies continue almost unabated. It do seem as if a bank is the easiest pickings of any institution.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, heir to the British throne has landed in Canada. Don't you feel all excited that one of the "Royal" folks of the world (of which thank goodness there are so few left) is in North America?

Irish-American, Slovak-American, English-American and other hyphenated societies throughout the United States are again becoming active. Let us do away with all these hyphens as we have in the case of the German-American Societies. If one is wrong they are all wrong. The war has certainly taught us that the United States should be as one people and hyphens have no place in our national life.

American aviators were fired on by Mexican soldiers while patrolling the border. How long, oh Lord, how long?

The Democrats of Indiana are backing "Woody" for another term. If Mr. Wilson must again—oh finish it, we haven't the heart.

SCHOOL BOARD RAISED SALARIES OF ITS JANITORS

August 12th, 1919. The Board of Education met in regular session at the Maple Avenue school building.

President J. R. Shaffer being absent in motion Mr. H. E. Tank was elected President Pro Tem. Members present: Mrs. M. H. Prince, H. G. Butler, W. R. Curtis, H. E. Tank, R. E. Rasweiler and F. E. Dowe.

The minutes of the regular session of July 12th were read and approved. The following bills were received.

WILDROOT will improve hair or we pay you. Wildroot is a guaranteed preparation which goes right at the hidden cause of coming baldness—the scaly, itchy crust of dandruff. Wildroot removes this crust—allows nature to produce the thick lustre hair normal to any healthy scalp. THE GUARANTEED HAIR TONIC. PUFFER PHARMACY.

Table with financial details: Fred C. Witt, Janitor \$100.00; Mrs. H. W. Drew 60.00; Gust Johnson 70.00; D. G. Pub. Co. 23.00; School census and ballots 6.00; R. D. Blakey, Election Judge 5.10; G. C. Butler, Incidentals 32.00; Fred E. Dowe, Sec. Sal. 50.00; Fred C. Witt, overtime & supervision 9.89; Village of D. G., Water 1.76; Village of D. G., Elec. light 2.92; Gas Co., Gas & supplies 2.00; Edson Crosby, Tuning piano .38; Gust Johnson, Supplies 150.86; Mertz & Mochel, Coal 422.38; North building 305.00; South building 109.00; Advance Roofing Co., Rep. gutters 189.50; J. H. Frankenfield, Wiring & Fixtures 12.25; Chgo. Tel. Co., Rentals & Tolls 12.25; Total \$1552.04.

On regular motion the bills were ordered paid. Voting Aye: Mrs. M. H. Prince, H. G. Butler, W. R. Curtis, H. E. Tank, R. E. Rasweiler, F. E. Dowe. Voting No: None.

The Finance Committee submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption: RESOLVED, That the sum of \$27,874.00 or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be levied as a Special Tax for school purposes on the taxable property of School District No. 58, Township 38, Range 11 East of the third principal meridian, lying in the County of Du Page and State of Illinois for the year 1919, and that the said sum of \$27,874.00 be duly certified and the certification returned to the Township Treasurer as required by law.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the sum of \$9292.00 or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be levied as a Special Tax for building purposes on the taxable property of School District 58, Township 38, Range 11 East of the third principal meridian lying in the County of Du Page and State of Illinois, for the year 1919, and that the said sum of \$9292.00 also be duly certified and the certification be returned to the Township Treasurer as required by law.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. W. R. Curtis, H. E. Tank, R. E. Rasweiler.

Finance Committee. On regular motion the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Teachers and Schools report that all vacancies on the teaching force had been filled.

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Teachers and Schools be authorized to order the necessary supplies and equipment for the schools. Motion carried.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds report that work on both buildings was progressing very favorably.

Gutter work and wiring and installing fixtures was finished. Extra help had been secured to assist janitor with calcominium and cleaning. The Committee recommend that \$50.00 be allowed Fred C. Witt for

overtime and supervising the work. Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee, allowing \$50.00 to Fred C. Witt be concurred in. Motion carried. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds recommend that Fred C. Witt be allowed \$125.00 per month for services as janitor; Mrs. H. W. Drew, \$75.00 and Gust Johnson, \$85.00 dating from September 1st, 1919.

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried. No further business appearing on motion the Board adjourned.

Fred E. Dowe, Secretary.

INSTILL RIGHT AND WRONG INTO YOUNG CHILDREN

Ever since our local bank was robbed I have been thinking of those five young men, and wondering just what started them on the road to such a disaster in their lives.

Remembering that no great or outstanding crime ever occurs excepting as the culmination of a series of acts, each of which may seem very insignificant by itself, it becomes very clear that responsibility for the outstanding act generally dates much further back than we realize.

Again recalling the frequent complaints which I hear, that in our village it is all but impossible to gather the fruit from our own trees and bushes because of the impunity with which so many children help themselves to it, I am wondering if we parents are too lax and careless in training our children that it is stealing to take a small thing just as much as to take a big thing.

If the moral responsibility for instilling high principles of honesty into our children's minds rests so lightly upon us now, what right will we have to complain if later we suffer from that same lack of principle?

The world is founded upon ideas, not iron or cotton, and when the idea of honesty ceases to be the common and every day practice of the majority of people the world will be no safer for democracy than it was while the kaiser had the power to take what he wanted whether it belonged to him or not. And exactly as his misguided ambition was forty years in coming to fruition let us remember that it is the democracy of the next generation whose safety is being determined by the kind of training we give our children today.

A Mother.

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AMERICAN LEGION MAKES PROPOSITION TO VILLAGE

Asks Cooperation of Citizens in Building an Athletic Field Outside Corporation.

Downers Grove, Aug. 11.

Dear Mr. Staats: Through your columns we would like to present a proposition to the citizens of Downers Grove regarding Sunday baseball and an athletic field here.

We realize that the overwhelming vote in favor of Sunday baseball last Saturday was more in the nature of a vindication for the American Legion's moral standards than a boost for Sunday baseball in Downers Grove and we realize that many people do not favor Sunday baseball within the confines of the village (but do not object to it out of the corporation lines) who voted for the repeal of the ordinance. We confess we would not have made the fight we did had we not been antagonized when the proposition was first presented.

Thinking that all these things are a matter of common knowledge and wishing to be fair to everyone both in and out of our organization we make the good people of Downers Grove the following proposition:

If we can be sure of the moral and financial backing of our residents we will finish out the baseball and football season, on the present north side diamond. For next year we will secure an athletic field outside of the corporation and fix it up for every kind of outdoor sport including track meets, baseball, football, etc.

The proposed field would be used not alone by the Legion but by every team in the village and on week days.

Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This would not only settle the Sunday baseball question satisfactorily to every one, but also the question of a field suitable for athletics, which could be used by the High and Grade schools and by town teams. We now have a committee looking up suitable sites for a field as described above. What we want is a full and free discussion about the proposition in the REPORTER. We would like to hear from anyone who has any ideas on the subject.

We want to do the fair thing by everyone, supporters and non-supporters of Sunday baseball, and believe that the solution to the problem is given above. We wish Mr. Staats, that you would comment editorially on the proposition and invite your readers to express their opinions. We have in our ranks men from every church denomination, from every shade of belief and unbelief and they unanimously decided to back the program as outlined, leaving it to each one personally to decide regarding participation in Sunday games.

Thanking you for your support and hoping to see this letter in print this week, we remain,

The American Legion, Paul Bentley, Secretary.

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