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THE RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

During the summer the Downers Grove Recreation Association has furnished supervised play for a great many of the young folks of the village. All have had an opportunity to enjoy the organized games, hikes, etc., which have been running under the direction of Mr. Greiner, athletic director.

This movement has been sponsored by a few men in the village who had the vision to see the good it would do. These men have put in a great deal of time on the proposition and what is more—money. They have been criticized by those who have done nothing, not even contributed to the cause.

The season is now at an end. Let's consider things a little. The work that has been done was accomplished because a few men were interested in the rising generation, and interested enough to provide a place to play and a man to see that they played right. A few citizens pledged money to help the good work along and a few have made good on their pledges. What have the rest of you men done? Nothing except knock.

Here is your chance to really do something. The tennis court at Railroad and Forest is now being used. Old and young are taking advantage of it, the playground equipment is being used at the school ground and MONEY IS NEEDED and NEEDED BADLY. You folks who have been knocking this proposition and you others who have been merely indifferent, investigate now, make out a check for a sum which you can spare and mail it to the Rev. H. M. MacWhorter.

In the words of Bill Shakespeare, "For the love of Mike, if you can't boost, don't knock."

SIGN YOUR NAME!

We have received in the last few weeks many letters for publication which we could not use because the letters were not signed.

Our rules are strict on this point. Every letter mailed to us for publication must be signed. The signature is not necessarily for publication but we must know who the writer is. We also reserve the right to divulge the name of anyone writing communications to persons interested.

Sign your name in the future. This applies to "U. S. Citizen," "Interested," "H. C. of L." and many others.

SEPTEMBER 6th.

On the above date Du Page County will officially welcome home her men who served in the armed forces of the United States during the world war. The Board of Supervisors invites everyone who was in the service to be at Wheaton as their guests on that day and also issues an invitation to every resident of the county to help make the welcome a real one by their presence.

Medals will be given to each returned service man and the afternoon and evening will be chock full of entertainment. The men and women who were in the service are requested to wear their uniforms.

We urge every business house in Downers Grove to close at 12 o'clock noon on September 6th. Other towns in the county are doing it and we do not want to fall behind. The day has been declared a county holiday, do this to help make the affair a success and give the boys the welcome they have so richly earned.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT

The people around Archangle, which you probably know is in Russia, have asked the Allied governments not to withdraw their troops from that region. Wonder what the troops themselves think? Especially the Americans.

President Wilson has turned down the demands of the railroad shippers for wage increases and that he appears to them to stop asking for raises so that the cost of living might fall. It might and might not fall.

depending almost wholly upon whether the profiteers had enough graft or not. We are reminded at the present of how the same Woodrow gave in to every demand of the railroad men just before his election.

The punitive expedition into Mexico has come back home having disposed of the bandit leader and a few of his followers for holding two U. S. flyers for ransom. When will the Carranza government be able to keep the peace in Mexico?

Both Ouimet and Evans bowed their proud heads to defeat in the recent golf tournament, Evans to Ouimet and the latter to a youngster. The great game of golf seems to be a pastime in which one youthful prodigy is always beating another y. p. If you don't learn it young you have not much chance at a championship.

Cincinnati is way up in the race for the National League pennant. We asked several old inhabitants the other day if Ciney had ever won a flag and not one of them could say. Such is fame.

Henry P. Davidson has purchased a bronze statue entitled "The Shivering Girl" for the record price of \$170,000. Ye Gods! We'd shiver for eons for \$170,000 and in Chicago you can hire a gunman to do murder for about four bits!

Len Small is about to break into the governorship race. Oh girls don't you feel all excited? Len has been about everything else in Illinois and is one of these men who seem to get along very well in politics, something like the chamois of the Swiss alps, jumping not from crag to crag but from job to job.

La Grange is improving some of their streets with pavements. Downers Grove sure did a good job when it decided on brick years ago.

J.P. Morgan is going to Europe for his vacation, the first one in five long years. Poor down-trodden mortal. Wonder if it will be two weeks with or without pay?

WEST SUB. COUNCIL BOY SCOUT CAMP IN MICH.

The West Suburban Council Scout Camp on Crystal Lake, Mich., opened July 21st and closed August 16th, after four successful weeks of camp life. With one hundred fifteen "red-blooded" scouts from Hinsdale, Berwyn, La Grange, Riverside, Brookfield and Congress Park. Crystal Lake is one of the most beautiful lakes of Michigan and the camp was located on a bluff about forty feet above the lake and surrounded by a dense woods of Pine, oak, poplar, and sassafras—an ideal place for a Scout camp. From the lake one could see only the flag pole and the roof of the cabin which was used as camp headquarters. A wide, sandy, gently sloping beach and a boat and a diving pier afforded attractive conditions for swimming.

The daily program was varied and interesting. From the time that first call blew at 6:35 until Taps sounded at 10:30 "something was doing." Being a small camp, much more freedom was allowed than is found in a large camp. School period lasted one hour and the number which enrolled for courses of instruction and passed tests will give the local Courts of Honor some work. In all, Scouts passed one hundred ninety-six scout tests classified as follows: First Class, fifty-seven; Merit Badges, 78; Tenderfoot, twelve; Second Class, forty-nine; fifty-one scouts were examined by an American Red Cross examiner and will receive Swimmers' and Life Savers' Red Cross Medals.

A sharp efficiency contest developed between tents. Competition on tent inspection became so close that to leave even a gum wrapper within one hundred feet of the back of the tent or to forget to snap suitcases was almost sure to lose first place. Riverside Scouts in Tent B won the point contest and were given Scout Pennants and photographs of Headquarters Lodge.

Several other features of camp deserve mention. Swimming is always a favorite sport and with three periods each day given to the sport each Scout was given opportunity to improve himself in swimming. Several non-swimmers learned to swim during their stay in camp. Then, too, the sport sometimes took the form of boat tilting which is great fun, especially if you succeed in out-manoeuvring your opponent and plunge him into the lake. Two athletic meets resulted in the awarding of pennants.

Of all camp features, none make more lasting impression upon the camper than the Retreat ceremony and the Camp-Fire. Who can fail to be thrilled as he stands and watches "your flag and my flag" lowered at sundown? Who can forget the camp-fire program with its West Suburban Yells, its heart to heart talks on the Scout Oath and Law, its ghost stories which make you afraid to go into your tent alone, and cause you to cover your head after you have crawled into your blankets?

Three hikes were taken to Trout Stream which is the home of acres of ferns waist high, of warblers and other songsters, of the wary trout, and of the seventy-foot pine and a hundred different wild flowers. The trout stream region is a world of wonders.

Scouting is a great game and a world of opportunity to the Scout. Camping is one of the most important features of Scouting. Those Scouts who were not privileged to go to camp this summer missed a profitable period of camp. Our district should send at least two hundred Scouts to camp next summer. Let's go!

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the Woman's Club, the Congregational Home Department, the Ladies of the Maccabees and our neighbors and friends for their sympathy and the floral offerings in my recent bereavement.

I. P. Brandenburg.

WHEATLAND PLOWING MATCH AND FAIR SEPT. 11TH

The famous Wheatland Plowing Match and Fair will be held on the farms of Reuben Hafenrichter and John M. Wolf, three-fourths miles northeast of Wolfs Crossing, on Thursday, September 11, 1919. There will be contests in horse drawn plow classes and in tractor classes. Also a grain and vegetable show. The Ladies' Fair will have the usual classes in baked goods and needle work. This is the first Plowing Match and Fair since 1917 and will attract thousands from far and near.

FESTIVAL AT BENSENVILLE ORPHAN-AGE HUGE SUCCESS

Four thousand people attended the festival at the Orphans and Old Peoples' home of the Evangelical Association at Bensenville last Sunday.

The program of music given by the famous Ballman Band of Chicago, was greatly appreciated. Music of by-gone days and music of today was on the program.

The collection taken after the services netted \$4,486.80, which the Rev. Grotefeld, pastor of St. Pauls church here, and treasurer of the home, deposited in a local bank Monday.

People from all the surrounding country flocked to Bensenville. Du Page and Cook counties sent the biggest representation but communicants of the denomination from all over the state attended.

NAPERVILLE MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Conrad Knoche died by his own hand Monday afternoon at his home in Park Addition. Mr. Knoche has not been well for several months and during the past two weeks has shown evidences of nervous disorder.

He was left alone a short time Monday afternoon and during that time he took his life by hanging. His lifeless body was found in the basement of his home.

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