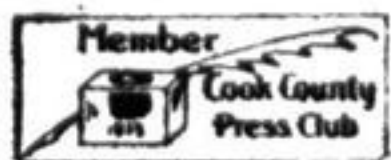


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ITS A GAY LIFE.

Someone asked the other day why we liked to go fishing—

An invoice of our condition, following the recent and yet present strenuous times of war and reconstruction, discloses the fact that the newspapers are yet a great power for good despite the fact that we have been held up, held down, sandbagged, walked on, sat on, flattened out and squeezed—first by the United States government for publicity for war tax, Liberty loan bonds, excess profits and income tax; for state, county and city highway tax; for auto tax and every other tax and syntax; and by every society and organization that inventive mind of man can invent to extract from the newspapers their stock in trade free for nothing; by the Society of John the Baptist, the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief, the Men's Relief, Relief for Stomach Ache; the Navy League, the Red Cross, the Iron Cross, the Double Cross, and every other cross of all colors, until a newspaper looks like a Maltese Cross; by the Y. M. C. A., the Old Folks' home, the Children's home, the Aid Society and every hospital in the country.

The government has so governed our business that we do not know who owns it. We have been inspected, suspected, examined and re-examined, informed, required and commanded until we don't know who, where or why we are.

All we know is that we are supposed to be possessed of an inexhaustible supply of "white space" for every known need, desire or hope of the human race, and because we will not give it all away and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to live on we are cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, robbed and nearly ruined, and the only reason we keep grinding on and getting out the old sheet is to see what in heck they'll ask for next. Do you wonder we go fishing?

THE RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

H. G. Butler and Walter Curtis vs. Robert Carpenter and Lawrence Foster, played a great set of tennis on the Recreation Association court Saturday afternoon. Monday morning the Rev. H. M. McWhorter and Ed. Garrison won from Owen Griffiths and "Jerry" Vaughan 10-8 in a hotly contested set.

Many people both played and watched over the week-end and the news of the court is drawing tennis players from all over the village.

This court is but one of the many activities of the Association in the village. Have you seen the playground equipment at the South school?

We cannot urge too strongly that local people back up this community play movement with cash contributions. The men at the helm have demonstrated the need for supervised play. The first season was successful but not so successful as following seasons will be. The boys and girls of the village need and deserve everything that can be done for them.

Congressman Ira C. Copley has sent a check for \$50.00 to help the good work along. Will local people follow suit?

Loosen up!
Send a check to Sam Curtis, treasurer, to help pay expenses. Its for you and for me and for your "kids" and mine.

UNION CHURCH SERVICES.

Last Sunday a large congregation heard beautiful music by local people at the Church of the Closed Street. It was the last open air union service for the 1919 season which has been a decided success.

SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

After a long vacation, Billy and Mary, Sarah and George, will pick up their books next Monday morning and

wend their way toward our halls of learning to absorb so much as possible of learning.

This spring Downers Grove went thru the throes of an exciting election as has ever been staged anywhere. The schools were picked to pieces by both factions and found to be fundamentally sound. A few minor faults were blazoned forth as being major ones, but after the smoke of battle had cleared away it was found that there wasn't much wrong with our schools after all.

More interest was taken in our educational facilities during the three weeks the campaign waxed hottest than there has before or since. That interest should be kept up. People who have children in school, and those who have not but have the welfare of children at heart, should watch the schools in the coming term. Familiarize yourselves with the methods used, with the board and its workings. Get a little of that interest which went to waste last spring, in the coming term.

We have fine schools, fine courses of study and what is more important a fine teaching staff from G. C. Butler Superintendent, all the way down thru the grades. These people are doing a great work, instilling into the young of today—men and women of tomorrow—the principles of the United States thru our history and educating them for the battle of life which we must soon lay down and they take up.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT

President Wilson is calling a conference of labor leaders, employers, and agricultural heads to investigate the prevailing unrest and high cost of existing. "May we not" suggest that our president try to put this over—get the various labor unions to pledge that for the six months following the conference there will be no strikes. At the same time the employers would pledge to increase production as much as possible and at as low a cost and with as small a profit as possible. Sounds Utopian, huh? But seriously, strikes are among the most expensive of luxuries.

The Mexican situation is still, to put it mild—all shot to—

The Salvation Army is in the throes of a home service money raising campaign. They did good work in the A. E. F. with less publicity than any other organization, and quietly here at home have been doing the same for years. This organization is worthy of support.

\$1,115,810,000 has been paid during the past year by insurance companies on death claims. The war and the Spanish flu epidemics are blamed for the staggering total, with the flu far in the lead. This disease, which was general throughout the country and which hit everyone, rich and poor,

showed the real need for insurance. Many who previous to this time, have scoffed at the need have changed their minds.

Chicago gunmen are again engaging in a private "war" of their own. Why not let them go unmolested. Let the word go out from headquarters that when one gunman "bumps off" another nothing in the way of prosecution will be done. In this way the merry whirl of extermination will go on until only a few are left when it will be an easy thing to get rid of this few and thus finish the job.

Almost every business house in Du Page County will be closed on next Saturday afternoon, September 6th, when the big welcome home will be given ex-service men. It is estimated that a crowd of 20,000 people will gather at Wheaton on this day.

LOCAL SCOUTS WON HONORS AT CHECAUGAU

Last Period of Season Closed Last Saturday; Camp Cleared by Boys in Record Time.

Sharp blast of the whistle at 8:00 a. m. last Saturday morning brought the fall of Checaugau. With each camper assigned to some particular detail the camp disappeared as speedily and efficiently as a huge circus.

At 11:00 a. m. the site had been cleared and the schedule assembly for Honor and Satisfactory ratings was held. At the time the following awards were made: "Honor Camper" pins were bestowed upon Floyd Engelbert, Troop 33; Ralph Hafford, 401; Russell Stephens, 1 D. G.; K. H. Kellogg, 1 D. G.; Paul Bradfield, Marseilles, Ill.; Lavern Adler, Marseilles, Ill.; Alexander Solomon, 555.

"Satisfactory Camper" was the rating given to the following boys from Downers Grove: Clifford H. Sedwick, Glenn Weatherbee, Edward Brooks, Burton W. Smith, Ray Klein, Don Stevenson, Jack Fisher, and Myron Wimmer.

Tents "A" and "E", the first composed of scouts from Troop 33, and the second of Downers Grove scouts, galloped over the trail, full of many trying problems, both intent on find-

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ing the treasure.

Both tents arrived at the site where the treasure was hidden at the same time. A battle of wits and camouflage followed lasting some twenty-five minutes. Scout Erling Dorf of Troop 33 finally spotted the treasure hidden in a tree top; quietly and innocently he shinned up after it. Loud was the yell that Tent "A" gave when he brought it down.

With the donation of \$5.00 each from Mr. A. I. Silander and Mr. R. H. Visger toward treats for the campers came a series of watermelon, cantaloup, doughnut, plum, bacon and egg feasts during the last week. Nightly were the "Y-E-A's" for the donors.

Tent "E", Downers Grove scouts, won the inter-tent contest for the last period with a score of 150 points. Tent "A", 3d period, consisting of scouts of Troop 54, hold the record for the summer with the score of 205 points.

The white settlers and Indians clashed for the big night raiding game with a real pioneer atmosphere on Thursday night. Untrue to "movie" lore, the Indians won with a score of 10-5.

AMERICAN LEGION TO BENEFIT FROM SORORITY MUSICAL

The Delta Sigma Phi Sorority will give a musical at Library Hall next Sunday afternoon, September 7th at 3:30 o'clock.

No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be taken.

This is the first of a series of entertainments planned by these girls for the winter. All the money taken in will be used to purchase something for the American Legion presumably for new permanent quarters when these are found.

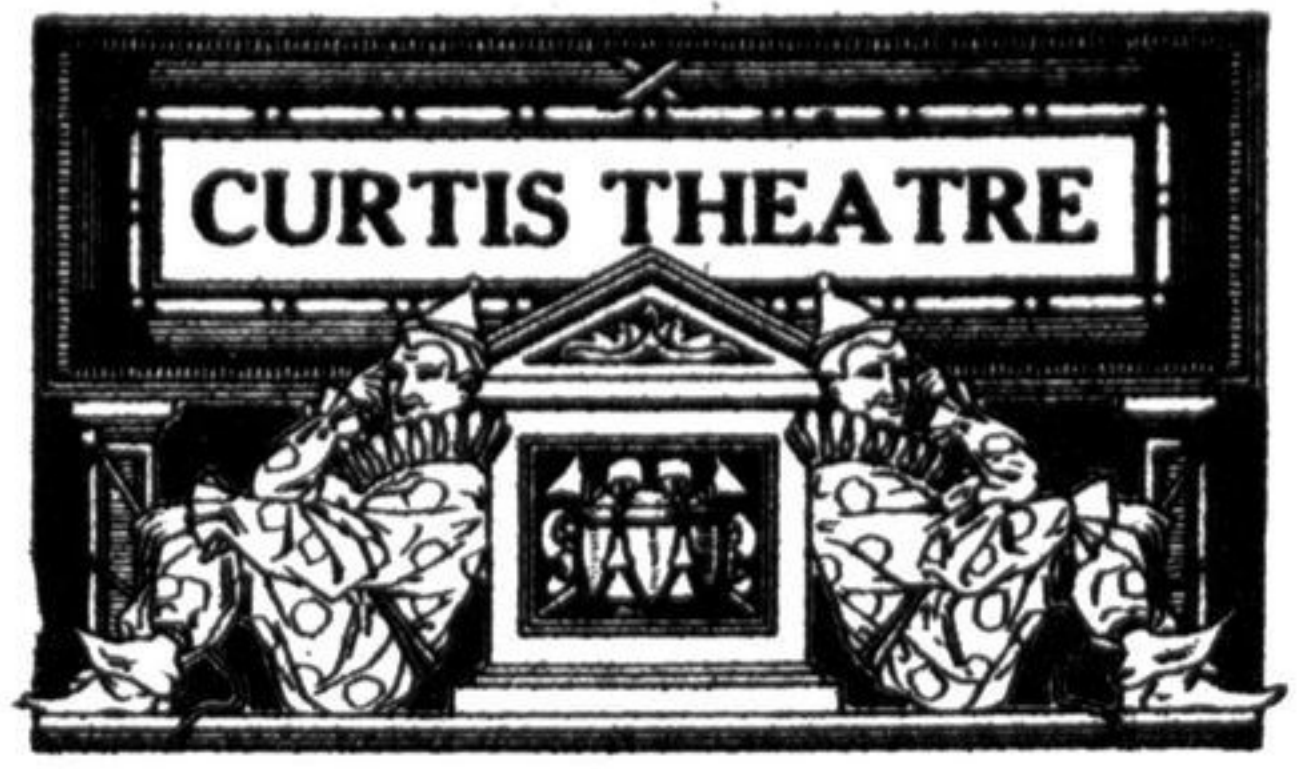
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Bessie Barriscale in "Tangled Threads"

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CURTISS THEATRE, NEXT THURSDAY, SEPT. 11th

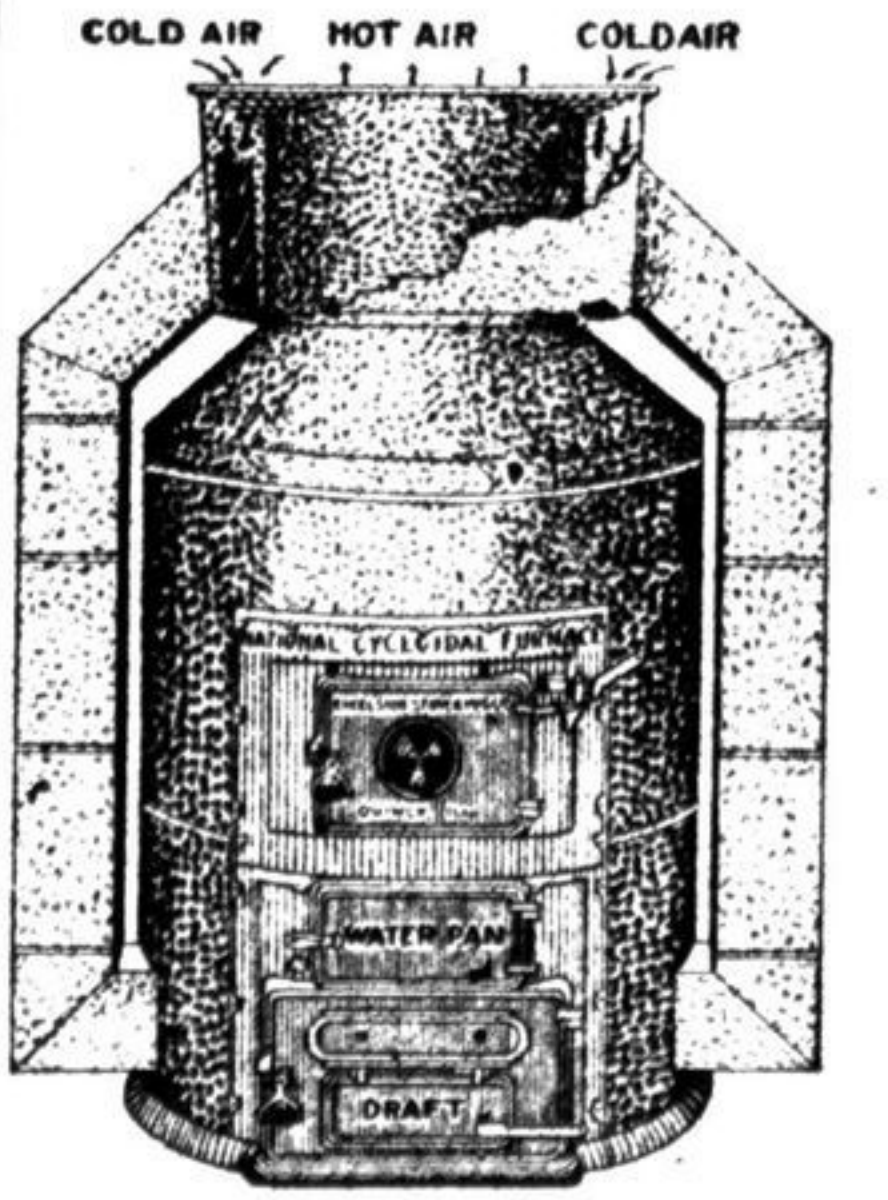
That's the Day — Loop Vaudeville and BIG Features!

Norma Talmadge in "The Way of a Woman"

and four acts of LOOP VAUDEVILLE. An added attraction will be little Harriet Campbell in her latest singing and dancing specialty.

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