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THE SALVATION ARMY

From September 22 to 29, the last week in this month the Salvation Army will put on a drive in Illinois for funds for home service work. Every dollar of the proceeds of the drive will be used in the confines of the state. In this way people will know that when they give to the cause they are giving to help the unfortunate of their own commonwealth. Just a few words regarding the work of the Army. Our opinion, and probably yours, before investigating, was that these people were religious cranks doing a little good maybe by their street corner meetings and gospel homes. The war, however, threw the spotlight of publicity on the activities of these people and found they are doing a truly great work. Everyone knows that of all the welfare organizations operating for the men of the A. E. F. the Salvation Army came nearer to the ideals of pure service. The kind of service the Master used thousands of years ago. It was not a condescending service but rather a humble one. All that was accomplished in France was done with a personnel of only 200 people. Just think 200 people did enough work with our millions of men in France so that the name of the Salvation Army was heralded to the four corners of these United States. Now how was this possible? The answer is—because these people have consecrated themselves to the cause of humanity. This utter submersion of self for an ideal of service is hard for you and I to understand. All we can see is that the men and women of the Army have done it and are doing it today. As for their home service, they are without doubt the most practical and the most efficient charitable institution in the world today. Their ramifications extend into every kind of help for the unfortunate, whatever the cause. Their seven day a week religion does more good in Chicago, for instance, than all the united charities, according to the belief of some of that city's biggest men. They have a workman's home where men may secure temporary employment. Men just discharged from hospitals, too weak for their regular labor, men with an arm or a leg gone, old men gather here for light work such as sorting of paper, the mending of furniture and other things which they can do. They are paid for their work and given a clean place to sleep with good, wholesome food. They are urged to save the money paid them and when they are able to resume their work they have a few dollars ahead with which to face life's battles. The products of this home are taken to the slum districts and these disposed of to the poor people. If these people have money enough to buy this furniture, clothing and what not, then it is sold to them. If they haven't it is freely given. This is only one of the varied activities. Probably the one which appeals most to people who think is the maternity home for girls on the North Side. Here, in a hospital fitted with the most modern appliances, are born every year hundreds of fatherless children. These girls (from factory and office, from domestic service and from homes, in the darkest hours of their lives, when it seems as if nothing but ruin stares them in the face) are taken into the arms of the Salvation Army and made to see that all hope is not yet lost. They receive the best of care from women and girls trained to hospital work. In addition to their practical learning the tenderness shown by Jesus Christ to the unfortunate, centuries ago, is in their every word and action. After these little mothers are strong enough places are found for them where they may lead upright lives. Never does the Salvation Army let these unfortunates get away from them entirely. They follow them up and by aid and advice save them from lives of wretchedness. Oh, truly, in this one phase alone the Army is doing a wonderfully Christian work. Besides these homes for working girls, hotels for men, the work in the slums among people who are always a jump ahead of the poorhouse. As we said above the reason for the good done by the Salvation Ar-

my lads and lassies is their absolute consecration for the service of humanity. In the hospital for girls mentioned above are seven women who manage and do all the work of the institution. The matron could be matron of any Chicago hospital so far as training and ability go and the others are either graduate nurses or very good assistants. Yet the entire "salary" paid these seven women is \$1,500 per year! Figure it out, less than four dollars a week average! People of Downers Grove here is a cause worthy of your heartiest support. It is one that when you give a dollar you know that dollar will give one hundred cents worth of good.

COOPERATION IS NEEDED

Did any of you ever go around to the business houses of this village and try to get the proprietors to agree on any certain concerted action? To say the least, it's a task! What this village needs, among other things, is a strong organization of the business interests. Call it a business men's association, a commercial club or what you will, it is needed. Cooperation among the business people would do more toward stabilizing their own business than almost any other factor. Two or three times in the past the business men's association has flourished for a short time and then gone into a gradual decline. Always someone or group of men were dissatisfied with the opinion of the majority and withdrew. Can't we have cooperation among Downers Grove's business men?

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT

Gen. John J. Pershing has landed in the United States. Wonder if he took off his Sam Brown belt as per orders of Sec. Baker of the War Department for all other officers landing in this country.

The LaGrange township high school is getting inadequate for the number of students wishing to take the high school courses. Every year more and more people are seeing the advantage of high schooling and higher education for their children. In the battle of life the one "knowing the most" usually has the better chance.

Along the same as above we see that the higher institutes of learning, our colleges and state universities, are enrolling more students than ever before in their history. Many ex-service men are going higher in their school work. Their contact with life around the world has brought them in no uncertain terms the value of an education.

Gen. Pershing said in an interview when he landed in New York. "God bless the doughboy." From casual observation and hearing the recital of things as they were on the Western front the Gen. has reasons to say it. We are forced to the conclusion that more was done by the initiative of the doughboy and men of the line than was accomplished by the gumming up of the General staff.

A Chicago mas has been slain in Mexico. Write your own comment.

The fight on profiteers and the H. C. of L. seems to have died aborning.

Boot-legging is on the increase. That two and three quarter per cent and even five per cent beer is still being manufactured. That corn whiskey and other brands with the well-known kick is still being sold.

President Wilson is carrying the League of Nations to the people. He is not the first president who wrangled with one of the houses of Congress and tried to make good his stand by a tour of the country. President Johnson set that precedent years ago. Seems to us humble folks here at home as if at least a few of the Senator's amendments to the peace treaty had a few good things incorporated in them and we are beginning to wonder why one man should have the say in making treaties, against the stipulated article of the Constitution which says it should not be so.

DOES DOWNERS GROVE DESERVE A LIBRARY?

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PORT ITS LIBRARY? YES and NO—Downers Grove residents pay a small tax—two mills yearly toward the support of the library. This tax amounts to about \$1,300 a year—just \$200 less than the necessary expense of running the institution. This meager sum is supplemented by a much smaller amount received from rent for the hall in the basement. Incidentally during the two years just passed, the war years, the library building has been headquarters for all sorts of war work and community affairs, virtually the community center of the village. The Library Board made no charge for this use—like every other asset of the town it was freely and gladly given along with the dollars and the time of Downers Grove citizens, but those strenuous days left their mark on the building and necessary renovation has overtaxed the slender library purse. WILL DOWNERS GROVE ASSIST ITS LIBRARY? YES—There never was a good thing that Downers Grove citizens would not support. They are habitually proud of their town and all its institutions. The library is virtually the only village institution. The school is a district affair and the district boundaries extend beyond the village. There is no other municipal building deserving of the name. In the years since its establishment the Library has entered into the heart of the village affairs. Its need is pressing, its demand for assistance cannot go unnoticed. The foregoing statement is a summary of the condition of the Library and its needs taken from the record, and from the members of the Library Board.

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COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TO BE SEPT. 29 - OCT. 3

The 1919 Teachers' Annual Institute of Du Page County, Illinois, will be held at Wheaton, beginning Monday, September 29th, and closing October 3d.

The public schools throughout the county will be closed during the week to make it possible for all the teachers to attend the Institute.

Section 183 of the School Law of Illinois reads: "Five days in any school year, spent by a teacher during term time, in attendance upon a teachers' institute, held under the direction of the County Superintendent of Schools, shall be considered time lawfully expended in the service of the district and no deduction in wages shall be made for such attendance. It shall be the duty of the school directors to close the schools for such institute."

Section 17 of the Certificating Law reads: "Refusal to attend, participate in, or an indifferent or antagonistic attitude toward institutes, teachers' meetings, professional reading, or other reasonable requirements of the County or State Superintendent, including the making of statistical and other reports, may be considered as unprofessional conduct."

The program will be the strongest ever attempted in Du Page County, and will contain talent such as; Martin G. Brumbaugh, former Governor of Pennsylvania. Organizer of the Porto Rican School System. Superintendent of Schools of Philadelphia; H. M. Crooks, President of Alma College, Alma, Mich.; C. A. Blanchard, President of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois; E. E. Radl, President of North Western College, Naperville, Illinois; J. W. Yoder of Philadelphia, Music Director.

Besides these there will be special instructors, lecturers, and sectional meetings for high school, primary, rural teachers, etc.

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Detailed announcement of program will be made later. C. B. Bowman, Superintendent of Schools.

B. E. KEHLER INTERESTED IN NEW FACTORY

Valley, Wash., Aug. 7—F. M. Handy and his brother-in-law, B. E. Kehler of Downers Grove, Ill., have leased the old Pacific at Kulzer's mill and will operate a plant for making cement for floors and wainscoting and the outside of buildings. They will use the material from the Double Eagle, 10 miles west of town. They will operate the mill, which is fully equipped with machinery, with power from the Kulzer electric light system. They are getting the mill in shape for the magnesite that will be hauled to the plant by trucks. Earl Beatty of Nitro, is equipping the south portion of the same building for a garage. Mr. Beatty was in the employ of the government during the war.

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CURTISS THEATRE, NEXT TUESDAY, SEPT. 16th Stewart Blacton's "THE GREAT LITTLE SCOUT"

CURTISS THEATRE, NEXT THURSDAY, SEPT. 18th THREE BIG FEATURE ATTRACTIONS THIS DAY! Better make up your mind about this occasion we offer, James Whitcomb Riley's "LITTLE ORPHANT ANNIE" "THE GHOST OF SLUMBER MOUNTAIN" FOUR ACTS OF LOOP VAUDEVILLE

The strange beasts which you will see in "The Ghost of Slumber Mountain" lived and fought in this very land of ours thousands of years ago. The strangest beasts you have ever seen in action will be shown in this picture and it is your chance and that of your children to see the greatest picture of its kind ever exhibited in the world. Nothing before and nothing again will ever be seen like it. Don't forget the date of this wonderful show, next Thursday, September 18th.

Sat. Sept. 20th, JESS WILLARD in the Challenge Chance

Beginning Tuesday, September 23rd the Curtiss Theatre will be open every night with the exception of Mondays, 10 and 20 cnts, showing the better movie features under the direction of HILLIARD CAMPBELL



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