

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING LOCAL LEGION MONDAY**

The first 1920 meeting of Alexander Bradley Burns Post, American Legion, will be held next Monday evening, January 5th, in the club rooms in the

**Dicke Building.**  
Several matters of importance will be brought up for discussion and a large attendance is desired.

**Humane Muzzle.**  
A humane muzzle for dogs enables an animal to open its mouth as long as its nose is pointed toward the ground, but closes as it raises its head.

**THREE DEATHS SADDEN LOCAL HOLIDAY WEEK**

Old Time Residents Laid in Last Resting Place Between Christmas and New Year.

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cope with the duties and problems of life.

About twenty-one years ago Miss Ballard came to Downers Grove and has had her home with the Waples family.

Miss Ballard knew and exemplified that great secret of life, self-realization through service, true happiness through service for others. For years the beautiful influence of her life will be evident in the characters of all those both in this community and

elsewhere, who knew her.

She was a loyal member of S. Andrew's Episcopal church and ever faithful in her work for its growth and welfare. In her love for children, in visiting the sick, in relieving cases of distress, Miss Ballard's interests were community-wide.

Prayers were said at the home on Saturday morning by the Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter, preceding the service at S. Andrew's church at 10:30. The interment was at the West Side cemetery.

Mr. Gorsuch of Chicago, and five grand-nephews of Miss Ballard were the pall-bearers: The Messrs Wm. Rouse and Edward Waples, Mr. Ballard Miles and Mr. Frank Waples.

**MRS. JOHN STOUTD**

Mrs. John Stoutd died at her home on Carpenter street, Thursday a. m. December 24th at 1:25 of a complication of diseases from which she has suffered for five years, the last two of which she has not been able to leave the house.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. J. A. Nansen of the First Evangelical church, officiating. As a part of this service sixteen of the neighbors showed their respect by engaging in a floral procession. Each placed a white carnation upon the casket of the departed. This token of respect was greatly appreciated by the relatives. Many friends extend their consolation to surviving relatives in their bereavement. Burial was made at the West Side cemetery in the family plot where her father, mother and grandparents were buried before her.

Mrs. John Stoutd, Elizabeth left, was born in Naperville, September 14,

1848. She was married to John Stoutd of Chicago, at Wheaton the fifteenth of April, 1892 and they moved to Downers Grove in 1901 where they have since made their home.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mrs. Robert Colvin of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Reuben Chudleigh of Chicago, her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Cora McPherson of Los Angeles and Mrs. A. J. Little of Chicago, and one son Herbert of the Grove.

**SURPRISE FOR IOTA THETA PI AT XMAS PARTY**

A most delightful time was enjoyed by the Iota Theta Pi Sorority at their Christmas party which was held at the Riel home on Maple avenue Saturday evening, December 27th.

Fun for all was had hunting the gift, which were hidden in the spacious living room. A dainty lunch was served in the dining room which was beautifully decorated in yellow and white. The table decorations were a center bouquet of yellow and white roses. At each guest's plate were yellow and white roses and small yellow baskets. The place cards were prettily decorated with yellow roses and to the surprise of all they announced the engagement of Mable Riel, the hostess, to Mr. George M. Staiger.

The guests were: Mrs. Roland Schultz, Mrs. D. B. Eastman and the Misses Elna Simonson, Ruth Lancaster, Madeline Hughes, Florence Uhlhorn, Maxine Findley and Anita Riel.

**MAHONEY - GRIFFITHS**

Miss Helen Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mahoney of No. Forest avenue, and Owen Griffiths, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Griffiths of Belmont avenue, were quietly married in Chicago, Christmas Eve.

The Rev. John E. Jones, pastor of a South Side church performing the ceremony. Miss Jayne Griffiths and Mr. Myron Towles acted as bride's maid and best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths will make their home for the present with the groom's parents.

**MANY GATHERED AT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE**

At six o'clock on Christmas night a fine, representative crowd of local citizens gathered at the Community Christmas tree in depot park for a fifteen minute program of Christmas music.

No elaborate program had been prepared just a gathering of citizens for short musical devotions on the birthday of the Christ Jesus.

The tree was alight with 250 blazing electric lamps and its burning each evening has been a signal to those who ride on the Burlington that Downers Grove has the Christmas spirit.

**SIBERIA NOT ALL SQUALOR**

For Six Months of the Year Flowers Bloom in Profusion in Otherwise Desolate Country.

Amidst the fifth squalor and poverty of Siberia it is good to find something which seems devoid of all these and which speaks to this desolate country of a better day. After months of snow and ice, and within a week from the time the snow has disappeared, spring begins and with it come the flowers. Spring and summer and autumn are all one in Siberia—there is no time for them all; a brief six months is the most which nature allows, and so they have to cram into that space everything they can. The Christian Science Monitor says. The chief flowers are anemones, frises and lilies-of-the-valley. All of them, especially the latter, grow wild in great profusion, and the whole world seems to smell of lilies for a brief two or three weeks. Traveling between Vladivostok and Harbin little semi-Chinese-Russian boys bring great bunches of lilies-of-the-valley to the trains, which can be bought for a few cents. They start perhaps by asking four rubles for a basket. This you refuse, and pass on to the next boy. Then the whistle blows, and the boys rush up to you shouting: "Three rubles! two rubles!" Still you take no notice; then you clamber on the train, which very slowly crawls out of the station, and you eventually buy as many lilies as you can carry for one ruble, the boy being perfectly content, and you, thinking of the prices in Fifth avenue, are also happy in the thought of your possession.

Had Wooden Legs. Artificial arms and legs were, it is believed, used in Egypt as early as 700 B. C. They were made by the priests, who were the physicians and surgeons of those days in the land of the Nile.

**MONEY PLEDGED TO RAISE CHURCH DEBT AT MEETING**

Officers Elected and Reports Read at Congregational Banquet Monday Evening.

The members and friends of the First Congregational church to the number of 150 gathered to the annual banquet and business meeting of the church last Monday evening. The call to dinner sounded promptly at 6:30 and was responded to with alacrity as the reputation of the Congregational Ladies Aid as good cooks has been widely known and enjoyed for many years.

At several points during the evening the Sunday School Orchestra rendered music that certainly reflected great credit upon them and was appreciated by all. Although not yet one year old we venture to predict that this organization will shortly be able to give an evening's program that will delight any. Three other very enjoyable numbers were a piano duet by Misses Kelly and Weiss and solos by Miss Hitchcock and Mr. Austin.

The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. Philip Yarrow, pastor of the Morgan Park Congregational church. His subject "Church Methods" was handled in masterly, interesting yet instructive fashion. He quickly reached the heart of every listener through his warm personality and then left a message of real inspiration for renewed energy in bringing to the weary, distracted people of this unusual time the help that Jesus Christ has for all. It was a brief message but with all earnest and timely and will be long remembered.

The annual reports from all departments of the church showed faithful work diligently performed and were particularly gratifying from the financial viewpoint—cash balance on hand and all bills paid—being the usual thing.

The real achievement of the evening was when the condition of the building fund was reported—that there was still \$2,000 to be raised to finish paying for the new church—and on the spur of the moment it was proposed that the money be pledged before anyone went home. Mr. Yarrow was asked to supervise the operation of separating those present from that sum of money which he did with such neatness and dispatch and such a steady accompaniment of stories and jokes that everyone appeared to enjoy said operation most decidedly.

The entire amount was raised in a manner which really makes one believe that at least one thing gained by war experiences was the secret of giving cheerfully and amply to worthy causes.

The closing item of the evening was the election of officers for the coming year.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Deacons: F. C. Lacey, M. L. Hindman, H. G. Butler, M. W. Mills.

Deaconesses: Mrs. Geo. Hughes, Mrs. F. C. Lacey, Mrs. G. L. Bush, Mrs. J. M. Zindt.

Trustees: E. F. Lacey, J. L. Remmers, W. B. Boon, C. F. Knoblauch, W. E. Chessman.

Clerk: F. L. Felton.

Benevolence Treasurer: Miss Florence Spahr.

Music Committee: Mrs. W. H. Blodgett, Miss Clara Lacey, Mrs. J. M. Zindt.

Chairman Ushers Committee: A. C. Miskelly.

Auditing Committee: J. W. Graves, N. R. Feasley, F. L. Felton.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the floral offerings and for their sympathy in our recent bereavement.

Mr. John Stoutd and Family.

"Faust" a Real Personage.

"Faust," hitherto regarded as a legendary character, emanating from the brain of Goethe, really existed as a self-styled prophet, quack doctor and peddler of fake horoscopes, according to a discovery made during the re-cataloging of the Munich library. In the diary of Canon Killian Lieb there was found this entry:

"Faust, 5 June, 1528, when the sun and Jove meet in the same constellation other prophets like myself will be born."

Under this Canon Lieb had written: "Faust may believe he was a great commander with high-sounding titles undertaking a pilgrimage through Germany, but he was, as a matter of fact, a quack doctor selling faked horoscopes and remedies. The fact that he became rich was due chiefly to his education, he having been a graduate of Heidelberg in the class of 1487."

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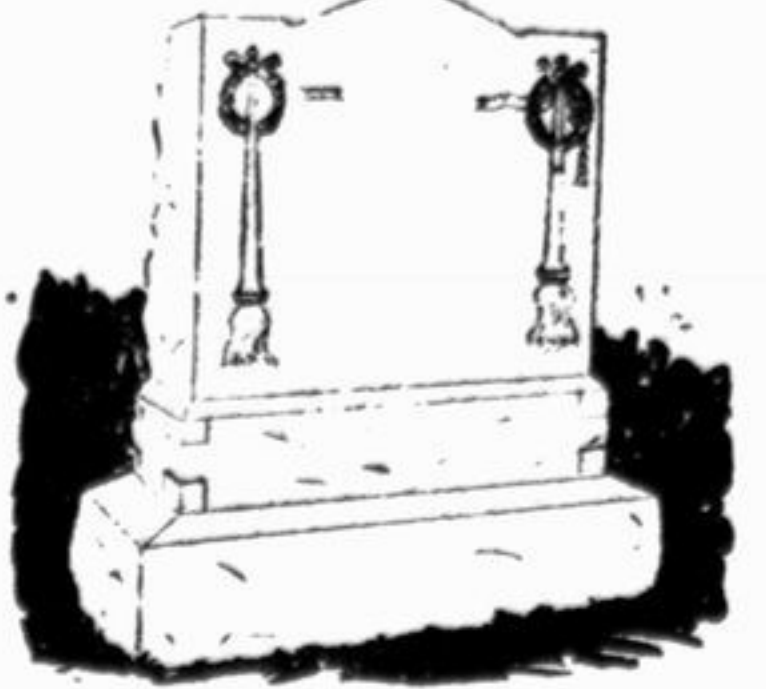
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