

NIGHT SCHOOL Monday & Thursday Day Sessions 8:30-2

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Local News

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Miss Maud Dewey has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tizzard visited with relatives in Chicago last Sunday.

Little Blossom Plumley, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Christ Heintz, who for the past six weeks has been ill to leave her bed, is slowly recovering.

Miss Bertha Kestle, who has been ill with pneumonia, is now able to be out again.

Mr. Manlove of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., left for his home Tuesday after a visit with his nephew, B. C. Downes.

Little Florence Beidelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beidelman, of Highland ave., is ill with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gerwig and Virginia visited with Mr. and Mrs. John SaaS in Austin last Sunday.

Miss Edith Pope of Naperville, spent the week end with Miss Marion Deach, of North Forest avenue.

The Kindergarten attendance has been quite depleted from measles and whooping cough.

Mrs. Wm. LaCharty spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Rex Hawkins in Chicago.

Mrs. Emil Hoehn is very ill with nervous prostration and her small daughter, Eleanor, is sick with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Motsett entertained at dinner last Sunday Mrs. Hagen and family, of Berwyn, Mrs. Hangman and Mrs. M. Krueger and son Herman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Griffin of Long Beach, California, are visiting at the home of their nephew, Mr. B. C. Downes.

Mrs. Mae Anderson is suffering from a severe cold necessitating her absence from her duties at the Freight Office.

Mr. W. F. Spalding, father of Mrs. W. L. Bogart of 35 Summit st., left Monday evening to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida.

Miss Mildred Anderson and Mr. Will Love of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolf of Hinsdale, were Sunday visitors at the W. J. Staats home.

The reason we like Dicke Theatre. Is because what it presents, is a show that's clean; And the best to be seen in "Downers" for twenty-five cents.

Edith Wells and Lurabelle Sherman spent last week-end in Byron, Ill., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Piper. Mrs. Piper will be remembered as Miss Helen Johnson, our last year's eighth grade teacher.

Mrs. W. L. Eager, who has been laid up since Christmas with a felon on her finger is now better. Infection set in and for a few days her entire hand was so sore it could hardly be used.

An enjoyable program has been arranged for the friends of the Congregational church at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes, 72 Highland avenue, Thursday evening, January twenty-second.

One pound of sugar FREE with each \$1.00 worth of box candies purchased at the Puffer Pharmacy. This offer expires Monday, January 19th, so if you need sugar, get in at once.

Mr. E. L. Cox returned last Saturday from a three weeks' visit to Zephyrhills, Fla., where he spent the time picking grapefruit and oranges from mother's fruit trees. He brought back with him some delicious samples of the fruit.

The picture "In His Brother's Place," which will be shown at the Dicke Theatre, Tuesday, January 20, promises to be an exceptionally good one. Read the story, which appears elsewhere in this paper and you will no doubt be anxious to see it. adv.

St. Paul's Evangelical Young Peoples' League had a sleighing party January 8th. A trip was made to Mr. Hy Timke's farm, northeast from town. About twenty-five members of the league enjoyed the winter outing and reported a glorious time.

Now is just the time of year when real good indoor entertainment is most appreciated. With that fact in mind, The Dicke Theatre has procured some remarkably fine pictures for its patrons and we are sure you will enjoy every single show. adv.

Until further notice the Dicke Theatre will run the main feature ONLY, at their second evening show. All patrons arriving at the theatre by 9:00 p. m., or before will see the entire show including comedies and travel pictures. adv.

Henry Dicke and Joseph Pesczynski attended the annual convention of the Volunteer Fire Department Association of Illinois at Murphysboro, Ill., Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday this week. They attended as delegates from the local department.

How many of us have witnessed a real old-fashioned flood, such as our old friend Noah experienced? A very few of us, if any, but we will all have an opportunity to do so by attending the Dicke Theatre, January 16th, and 17th and seeing Douglas Fairbanks in "When the Clouds Roll By." adv.

Those short of sugar are offered an unusually easy way of getting some by the Puffer Pharmacy. Dr. Puffer is giving away Free one pound of sugar with each one dollar's worth of box candies purchased at his store. \$5.00 worth of candy, five pounds of sugar. Candy at the regular price. adv.

Announcement has been received from Pasadena, Calif., of the marriage of Alexander Clinton Riddler to Miss Lily Hovey on December 27th, 1919. Mr. Riddler is the son of our former townsman A. C. Riddler and was born in Downers Grove. The many friends of the family join in congratulations and good wishes.

The Brotherhood of St. Paul's Evangelical church held their annual meeting at the home of G. H. Bunge, Tuesday night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. H. Peters, President; Fred Buschmann, Vice-President; Philip Wander, Secretary; Harry Selig, Treasurer. After the business meeting lunch, coffee and cigars were served.

Edward Keisel of Hinsdale, who formerly lived in Downers Grove and is well known to the younger folks of the village with whom he used to attend school, died at his home in Hinsdale Tuesday morning from influenza. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Keisel leaves a young wife and two children, a boy and a girl, to mourn his untimely taking away.

Fourteen members of Vesta Chapter, O. E. S., attended the public installation of officers of the La Grange Chapter in the Masonic Temple there last Friday evening. The Grand Officers of Illinois were present and acted as installing officers. A crowd, that filled the hall to capacity was present to view the ceremonies and enjoy the wonderful program which followed.

Every ex-service man of Downers Grove and vicinity is invited to be at the American Legion club rooms next Monday evening, January 19th. Mr. H. Burlingame, a special representative of the government insurance bureau will be present and explain in detail the many things soldiers and sailors have wanted to know regarding their W. R. I. Men entitled to compensation are especially invited to be present.

Retailers Not to Blame for H. C. of L.

THE CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER RECENTLY MADE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING, IN CHICAGO, AND ITS CAUSES.

THEY FOUND THAT THE RETAILER OF GROCERIES AND MEATS, FOOD PRODUCTS USED EVERY DAY IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD, WERE NOT TO BLAME FOR HIGHER COSTS TO THE CONSUMER.

THEY FOUND THAT RETAILERS' PROFITS WERE SMALLER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE, THAT STOREKEEPERS WERE SHADING THEIR END, UNTIL IN MANY CASES THEIR BUSINESS WAS SUFFERING.

THEY FOUND THAT MANY WERE TRYING TO COMBAT THE HIGH COSTS BY LOWERING THE OVERHEAD EXPENSES, THIS IN SPITE OF THE HIGHER WAGE SCALE.

THEY GAVE THE RETAILER A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH REGARDING HIS SHARE IN THE H. C. OF L. "DECIDEDLY," SAYS THE EXPERT IN SUMMING UP, "THE RETAILER IS NOT TO BLAME."

BELOW WE REPRODUCE PARTS OF THE ARTICLES RUN IN THAT PAPER REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION WHICH WAS MADE BY EXPERTS.

H. C. L. SLASHES INTO PROFITS OF RETAIL GROCERS

Dealers' Investments Trebled Since 1914, But Margin Over Cost Shrinks Rapidly.

The 80 per cent increase in the cost of food paid by Chicagoans since the pre-war period has been made the subject of repeated snap-judgment analysis.

In practically every instance the retailer—the only link in the production and distribution chain with which the public has come in contact—has been blamed for the rising costs. The Herald and Examiner set out to discover the facts. The appended article is the second of a series on the results of its investigations.

Before the war broke out in Europe John Jones, Chicago grocer, bought granulated sugar from his wholesaler at \$4.65 per 100 pounds—a cost to him of 4.65 cents per pound.

Today, if Grocer Jones is lucky enough to be able to buy any sugar at all, he must pay \$11.75 to \$20 for the same quantity he used to buy at less than half to one-fourth that price.

Conforming to the government request, he may sell it at a price that will give him a margin of \$1.50 per 100 pounds, or 1 1/2 cents a pound.

In 1914 his profit on a sugar sale was 18 per cent. Today, if he pays \$20 per 100 pounds, his profit would be 7.5 per cent—less than half that of five years ago.

GROCER'S PROFIT ON VEGETABLES ALSO SLUMPS

Perishable Stock Often Crux of Retailer's Success or Failure in Business.

Appended herewith is the third and last of a series of articles written for The Herald and Examiner on the results of an investigation made by this newspaper into the part the retailer plays in the advanced costs of food.

Perishable food products—vegetables and fruits—are often the crux of the average grocer's success or failure.

If he is a shrewd buyer of these products, if he is a capable seller, if he holds his losses from waste, shrink, age and spoilage to a minimum, he prospers as a grocer.

If he loses money, or if he just manages to "break even," on these commodities his career as a grocer is usually short lived. For the grocer's profit on staples is not always large enough to maintain him in business.

The Herald and Examiner, therefore, extended its investigations over a wide range of perishable commodities in an effort to determine what part the retailer has played in advancing prices of these products.

CHICAGO FOOD UP 80 PER CENT; WHO GETS GAIN?

Expert Analyzes Increases Since 1914 And Finds Grocer's Profit Average 2.3 Per Cent.

The cost of food for the average Chicago family has increased 80 per cent since 1914, according to a report made by the United States Department of Labor.

As this increase constitutes the most serious financial problem confronting the average Chicago breadwinner, The Herald and Examiner has undertaken an investigation into its causes.

Is the retailer to blame? The appended article is the first of a series on the subject of the grocer's part in present high food prices.

Chicago—despite its tremendous advances in food costs—has been more fortunate than practically any other large city in the United States.

This is revealed in a report issued by the Department of Labor after an exhaustive investigation in the thirty-nine principal cities of the nation.

Since 1914 the average increase in food prices for the nation as a whole is given as 90 per cent. Prices in Chicago have increased 80 per cent.

THE SAME CONDITIONS APPLY IN DOWNERS GROVE. LOCAL DEALERS IN FOOD HAVE CUT THEIR PROFITS.

STILL THE PRICES THEY ARE FORCED TO PAY WHOLESALERS FOR MERCHANDISE HAVE STEADILY RISEN. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SELL GOODS AT A LOSS AND CONTINUE BUSINESS.

LOCAL DEALERS ARE MAKING A LEGITIMATE PROFIT—AND THAT'S ALL.

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT JUST GET INTO BUSINESS AND FIND OUT.

LEHMANN & MICHEL EMRICH BROS. LOUIS KLEIN
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Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Gill died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Nisbet of Chicago, Saturday, January 10th, at the age of 85 years. Mrs. Gill was one of the old residents coming to Chicago in 1863. She was buried in Rose Hill cemetery Tuesday. Three daughters, Mrs. Sarah Nisbet and Mrs. Jennie Strachan, of Chicago, Mrs. Beatrice Cowhan of Rosendale, Wis., and one son, Mr. Albert E. Bryce of Downers Grove, are left to mourn her loss.

Never again and never before will the people of Downers Grove be treated to such a show as the one to be given at The Curtiss Theatre, today,

Saturday, January 17th. It is what may truly be termed a triple bill in every sense. First we have Fatty Arbuckle in his latest movie, "The Hayseed," a cyclonic avalanche of tears and laughter. Second we have that marvelous actor, Sessue Hayakawa, in "The Dragon Painter," a six reel movie of thrills and a very carefully selected Vaudeville. A Vaudeville that will be interesting to the entire family. The above attractions may be seen at the Curtiss Theatre this Saturday, January 17th. adv.

We always endeavor to state the facts and we can truthfully state that with our increased lighting effects

now installed our movies and our unique dramatic company on Tuesdays and our select vaudeville on Saturdays and our Special Paramount-Artcraft movie program on Thursdays, we are offering to you entertainments that no other theatre herabouts will even attempt. And as for Mr. Rooney and his dramatic company we say to you that he is at present playing in the larger theatres in Chicago and while we know that it is impossible for him to bring and hang his scenery at the Curtiss we are mighty glad to just have him, if only to see him smile, show his teeth and exhibit his green tie. You all know Rooney, give

him and his little company your support. See him each Tuesday, make it a habit. There's a reason. adv.

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