

CANVASSERS OUT AFTER FUNDS FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF

Mass Meeting at Dicke Theatre On Sunday Night Informed the People of Need.

The mass meeting held at Dicke's Theatre last Sunday night was well attended. Scarcely did we realize that it would be possible for such conditions to exist anywhere as prevail in the Near East until they were revealed to us by the simple stories of two native Armenians who were the speakers at the Mass meeting.

Mr. Nansen presided. The High School played an opening selection then the audience stood and united in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and remained standing while the Rev. MacWhorter, rector of the local Episcopal church offered prayer. The chairman then introduced Mrs. Mary M. Coultrap, the county organizer of the Relief canvass for DuPage County. She briefly told of the origin and purpose of The Near East Relief. She presented to the audience the Rev. Mr. M. M. Aijian, a native Armenian who told us of the struggle thru which the Christian sections of the Near East have undergone at the hands of bloodthirsty Mohammedan Turks. He introduced his brother to the audience. He has but recently arrived in America and told the story of recent events of his own life. He was captured by the Turks on a raid during the early period of the war and pressed into service in the Turkish army and forced to fight against the Allies until he finally escaped. He told of present suffering in Armenia and other sections of the Near East. Starving women and children roam the streets, dead bodies lie about unburied to be torn to pieces by hungry dogs, mothers throw their starving infants into the rivers to end their miseries. These are facts which put Christian America under responsibility.

After the touching messages from these native Armenians the H. S. orchestra played again and the meeting was closed by all uniting in singing America. The Rev. Mr. Owens gave the benediction.

In the after meeting the local committee arranged for a house to house canvass of our village. This will be accomplished by March 20th and a report published in The Reporter. As publicity has taken care of by large philanthropic contributions every dollar you give will go to the suffering and starving people across the seas. Let every citizen of Downers Grove do his part. Dr. Barber, the Mayor of our village, sent word to the meeting at Dicke's that he is thoroughly in sympathy with the work of the Near East Relief and hopes for a successful canvass in our village. Arrangements for the canvass have been completed. Now DO YOUR PART.

The solicitors for funds for the relief of the Near East are from the various churches of the Village. Rev. J. A. Nansen has charge of the south side and the Rev. T. J. Owens of the north.

The south side of the tracks has been divided among the churches as follows: Methodist workers, ward No. 2, south of the tracks and west of Main st.; First Evangelical and Baptist workers, ward No. 1, south of the tracks and east of Main st.; St. Paul's Evangelical, East Grove.

The north side will be taken care of by workers from S. Andrew's Episcopal church, the First Congregational and St. Joseph's Catholic churches. Those wishing to make contributions at once can send them to Rev. Owens.

It is hoped that every young woman of the church and anyone who desires to improve this splendid opportunity for service, will become interested in this work.

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The work of the class is being done under the supervision of Mrs. Howard Jones, who took the course in this work in Chicago during the war.

INDU KOSMETIC CO. HAVE PURCHASED ROGERS HOME

Will occupy Building in Near Future And Build Laboratory Addition.

A few days ago a real estate transaction transferred the old Rogers' home on Warren avenue from the heirs of the late Capt. T. S. Rogers to the Indu Kosmetic Co., who are at present in the Miller building on

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NORTH-WESTERN GLEE CLUB AT DICKE'S TONIGHT

Singers and Musicians Will Give a Performance Here as Preliminary to Tour.

Professor C. J. Attig has sent advance word that Northwestern Glee Club is in fine trim for the concert to be given at Downers Grove tonight. This is a pre-season engagement for the Club. That is why we were enabled to secure them for Downers Grove. It is the practice program from which they will line up their regular Lyceum program for their summer tour.

They will give concerts in the larger eastern cities of the United States finishing their summer engagement with a six weeks' tour into Canada.

They will be assisted in their concert here tonight by H. Victor Vogel, basso soloist and M. Niergarth, cornetist, both of whom traveled with a large summer Chautauque system last summer. In addition C. Dissinger, former teacher of violin at Kansas State Normal School, will appear in violin solos. Twenty men will participate in the regular Glee Club numbers. There will be comical dialogues, quartette numbers, choruses and instrumental numbers.

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CONGO. CHURCH ORGANIZES RED CROSS CIRCLE

Dressings Are Now Being Made For Use in the Mission Hospitals of China.

The Red Cross Circle of the Congregational church has been organized with the following officers: Miss Maude Bateman, president; Miss Madeline Hughes, vice-president; Miss Helen Downer, treasurer.

The first meeting was held the 1st Tuesday evening of March and regular meetings will be held every first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at 7:30 o'clock in the church parlors.

It is hoped that every young woman of the church and anyone who desires to improve this splendid opportunity for service, will become interested in this work.

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P.T. ASS'N TO MEET AT KINDERGARTEN NEXT THURSDAY

Rev. Wilbur Dean Elliott, Rector of Christ Church, Gary, to Be The Speaker.

The Downers Grove Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting on the evening of Thursday, March 18th, at the Kindergarten.

Rev. Wilbur Dean Elliott, Rector of Christ church of Gary, Ind., will speak to the parents and teachers along educational lines. Mr. Elliott is well known in this community and this meeting should be well attended.

Mr. Wm. B. Owen, who was to have been present to speak on this date, has postponed his appearance to the 15th of April, but will address us at that time.

The attendance at these meetings has been most gratifying. It is hoped the March 18th meeting will be fully up to previous records.

Come and bring your friends, anyone who is interested in community gatherings of the ideal type will enjoy these occasions.

FOR INSTANCE

If you have been thinking of buying a Shetland pony for that small son or daughter of yours, there is one advertised in the Classified Section on Page 7 this week. Get into the habit of reading these little ads, you'll find it pays.

WOMANS CLUB RECIPROCITY DAY BANQUET WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

On Wednesday at 1 o'clock the Women's Club entertained the clubs of the 11th District and their friends at a one o'clock luncheon in the parlors of the Congregational church. Under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Harper, chairman of the Social and House committee, the parlors and tables were made most beautiful with decorations of green and white; the color scheme being carried through the menu in honor of the birth of St. Patrick.

Covers were laid for 140, with every place filled. Throughout the luncheon, many compliments were paid the club on the very excellent efficiency of the women in charge.

At 2:30 adjournment was made to the club rooms where the following program was given followed by reports from delegates of the visiting clubs:

Miss Mamie Engelschall gave three very fine violin numbers; Mr. Roscoe Snyder, three vocal numbers; Miss Norpel, piano; Mr. George Bunge, saxophone accompanied by Miss Marjorie Whiffen.

The club was fortunate in having three State Officers present: Mrs. Frank Mason of Aurora, State Vice-President, who spoke of the State Federation work, mentioning the three most vital things the Federation has undertaken for its year's work as Americanization, Child-Well-

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ELGIN WINS SECTIONAL BASKET-BALL TOURNEY

Downers Grove Held Naperville Even For First Three Quarters of Game.

Elgin won the Sectional Tournament held last Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Wauconda, the runner up, was a dark horse. No one considered her seriously till she defeated Batavia 29 to 28 and later Naperville 19 to 18.

Downers Grove played a small but exciting part in the tournament. For three quarters of our game Naperville was held on even terms, the score being 17 to 17. During the last quarter a shower of long shots demoralized our playing and Naperville came off victors by a much larger score in points than they felt in facts.

Grumhaus and Shurte were the most successful scores on the Purple team. Allison played a good floor game. Bush was not up to his usual standard but he kept the opponents on the jump and scored twice. Boon played a fair guarding game with the exception of a few minutes near the last of the game when he let a man around him for several shots.

Possibly one reason for the good showing made by Downers was the presence of our mascot "Hoy" otherwise known as "Scrappy." He proved very efficient in his line of the business and in taking care of the ball, and a half a dozen suit cases.

The line-up:

Player	B	F	P	T
Naperville (34)	4	0	0	0
Bentz, R. F.	4	0	0	0
Ench, L. F.	2	0	1	0
Jarek, I. F.	0	0	0	0
Givler, C.	4	1	0	0
Sigmond, R. G.	0	0	1	0
Hallow, L. G.	1	0	1	0
Knickerbocker	0	0	0	0
Downers Grove (19)	1	0	0	0
Bush, L. F.	2	0	0	0
Grumhaus, C.	2	0	0	0
Allison, R. G.	0	0	0	0
Foon, L. G.	0	0	3	0
Shurte, R. F.	4	5	0	0

Last week the heavies defeated Glen Ellyn 33 to 10 in a rough and rather uninteresting game. All the fellows were going and there was "nothing to it."

The lightweights had a more exciting game but came off victors to the tune of 12 to 6. Glen Ellyn did not score in the last three quarters.

A. B. SNOW ON NEXT WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAM

Village Attorney Will Give a Talk On "Village Ordinances and Taxation."

The Civic and Philanthropy Department of the Women's Club will hold its regular meeting at the Library Wednesday afternoon, March 17th. The program is in charge of Mrs. J. Perron and will be as follows:

Reading—"Are we following Lincoln's Footsteps?"

Mrs. E. H. Huntington Spring Elections, Mrs. A. F. Bortwell Village Ordinances and Taxation.

Mr. A. B. Snow

Group of Irish Songs

Mrs. A. C. Michel

It is particularly desired that this meeting be well attended as the topics to be discussed are of great importance to the members.

Mr. A. B. Snow is Downers Grove's Village Attorney and his talk should prove beneficial to those interested in community affairs and how the rate of taxation is arrived at.

"A Green Party" is the offering of the local post of the American Legion for next Wednesday evening, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, at Dicke's Hall. The Novelty Four will furnish the music and a regular time is assured.

ITS INTERESTING

To read what the different merchants have to offer in their advertising space every week. And the beauty of it is that every time you let the merchants know that you read their ads, the more and better bargains they will offer. Read every ad, every week.

"ADLESS" FIRST PAGE RECEIVED MUCH PRAISE

Even Newspaper Men Commented on Improved Appearance of The Reporter.

Last week The Downers Grove Reporter appeared on the streets without any advertisements on the front page for the first time in years. Coming as it did without any preliminary announcement it greatly surprised our subscribers and they have not been a bit backward in letting us know they liked it.

The most interesting comments received were contained in a letter from one of them. It is good enough to reproduce.

Downers Grove, March 6th, 1920.

Editor Reporter:

I received my "Reporter" yesterday afternoon, and as is my custom when it comes, dropped everything in order to look over its pages and get at first hand the doings of the community.

It looked altered and improved. At first I could not "get" why, but in a little while it dawned upon me that the "ads" were missing from the front page. Immediately I wondered if the business people who had occupied your front page had quit advertising, but a hasty glance told me they were still in the paper.

I have always been aware of the fact that The Reporter was a good community paper. But never did I realize how good until your last issue. The mere taking of those ads from the front page and putting them in another place has improved it wonderfully. Somehow, I can't explain why, you as a newspaper man would probably know, the news and the ads look better and bigger.

In its present shape The Reporter should be more of a power in the village than ever and coming from a newspaperman's family, my father-in-law a "country" weekly, I know of the trials and tribulations attendant upon getting out the paper every week.

More success to you and may The Reporter continue to get better in the future as it has in the past.

A Woman Reader.

We thank "A Woman Reader" for her kind comments and realize as she says, "that both the ads and the news look better" without any advertisements on the front page.

Another letter, this time from one whom we used to call the "Club Reporter" and who wrote "In and Around the High School," nicknamed "Schlitz," perhaps you know who he is from this description, is very gratifying to me. In part it follows:

Kvanston, Mowlay P. M.

Dear Walt:

You wonder why this belated letter? Just this. A great change has come over not me—but The Reporter. For years have I prayed, implored and even beseeched, earnestly and humbly, the change to the great essential part of a local newspaper. With this week's issue my prayers, petitions and fond desires have come to an achievement of great moment.

I take this opportunity of congratulating you and "ye editor" for making the two noble banks take the back page. It not only adds to the paper, but makes it a real one, something which was disguised for so long. Aside from this, it adds to the value of the bank ads. Why? Simply this—heretofore the banks have constantly been competing with news items of the front page and few are the people who will take time to read the ads of the front page, because the news is more interesting.

This is a psychological proof and I am sure the bank heads might have had sufficient insight to have realized this before. Surely, the banks are not losing, and as for the paper, it cannot help but become better with a full front page for news. Congrats again.

This year I have not been home very often and I surely do bound the Reporter. The old story again, of never knowing it was so good as when you are away. I can sure say

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VILLAGE COUNCIL APPOINTS W. BENDER COMMISSIONER

Resignation of Commissioner Austin Accepted Monday Evening At Board Meeting.

Commissioner Delbert Austin recently received a commission as Rural Mail Carrier from the United States Government and this automatically barred him from holding the office of councilman of the village.

At the last regular meeting of the Council, held Monday evening, his resignation was read and accepted.

On motion of Chas. Haller, Wm. Bender was appointed to the vacancy and will serve the unexpired term. Mr. Bender was a candidate at the last election held in the spring of 1919, but was defeated. His appointment does not come as a surprise and we commend the judgment of the Mayor and Council in the selection.

Following are the official proceedings of Monday night's meeting:

Downers Grove, Ill., March 8, 1920.

Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Austin, Bryce and Haller. Absent Heatt.

Minutes of the meeting of March 1st, 1920 were read and Commissioner Bryce moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Austin, Haller, and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Collector's and Treasurer's reports for the month of February were read as follows:

COLLECTOR'S REPORT
To the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Gentlemen:
The following is my report for the month of February, 1920.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Collector:	
Commercial Lighting	\$2,979.49
Light Meter Repairs	6.30
Light Meters	40.00
Water Rates	1,811.01
Water Meters	88.00
Water Meter Repairs	11.96
Licenses	12.00
Dog Taxes	1.00
Lamp Sales	34.28
Special Assessments	177.68
Sale of Labor	27.00
Sale of Material	30
Garbage Disposal	15
Automobile Fines	5.00
Total	\$5,194.05

DISBURSEMENTS
Deposited to the credit of the Village Treasurer \$5,194.05

Commissioner Austin moved to accept the reports as read, and have them placed on the records. On roll call Commissioners Austin, Bryce, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

The following letter from Commissioner Delbert Austin was read:
Gentlemen:
By reason of my recent appointment received from the United States Civil Service Commission, it is necessary that I resign as Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, to take affect at once.

I regret that I must take this action and sever my associations with the Council at this time.

Please accept my best wishes for the years to come.

Respectfully yours,
Delbert Austin.
Downers Grove, Illinois,
March 8th, 1920.

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