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BRONZE TABLETS PRESENTED FOR LOCAL WAR DEAD

Downers Grove Chapter, Daughters of
The American Revolution,
Remember Heroes.

Two bronze tablets, one to be hung in the high school assembly hall, the other in the rooms of the American Legion, were unveiled last Friday evening. They were the gift of the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and contain the names of the local boys who sacrificed their lives in the great war. That Democracy might live.

Two dedication services were given. The first at the high school was private and was for the families of the boys and a representative group of the village life.

That at the Curtiss Theatre was for the general public and the attendance here was slim indeed. It must be that people as a whole did not know of the program. In no other manner can we account for the small audience that greeted the speaker at the Curtiss Theatre.

William R. Moss, the orator of the evening, in opening his remarks said, "What kind of a village is this anyway, what kind of people inhabit Downers Grove, that so soon could they forget the memory of those noble boys who left their homes to protect those left behind and then gave their all—their lives—on the battle field—that we at home could continue to live in peace? An occasion of this kind, to honor the memory of our hero dead should call out every man, woman and child who considers himself or herself, an American."

We can only say that people did not know of the public meeting or were not aware of the place for it is hard to believe that citizens of Downers Grove could so soon lose that fervor for America and the boys who wore the khaki and the blue. It is apparent that they have already forgotten the war and the living veterans of that awful conflict, but we cannot give credence to the apparent fact that they have forgotten the local boys who sailed away and did not return with their buddies.

In continuing, the speaker spoke of "American Ideals."

Mr. Moss is a distinguished Chicago lawyer and for many months has been spreading the gospel of Americanization.

In eloquent words he sketched the history of America from the coming of the Pilgrim Fathers to the opening of the great west.

"Always and everywhere," he said, "America has stood for an ideal." "It has been the embodiment of liberty—with law. From Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate the development of the nation has been in line with the quest of an ideal and the torch of liberty has all along lighted the way.

"These boys, in whose honor we are assembled, died for an ideal for the American ideal and it should be ours to see that their sacrifice is not in vain.

"They strove against armed hosts. Our fight is against ignorance, for back of all the un-American thoughts and actions; back of the red doctrine and back of the program of the autocrat is ignorance.

"To this work we should dedicate our best endeavors that those ideals which actuated the fathers of the nation: those ideals which were expressed at Valley Forge and Yorktown; Shiloh and Gettysburg; in the Argonne and at Chateau Thierry by brave Americans, may still be the ideals of America."

Mrs. Lavara Hannum, regent of the D. A. R., on the presentation of the tablet, spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have assembled here tonight as residents of this community and citizens of the United States to pay honor to American Heroes. We have come to emulate the teachings of Washington; to breathe anew the spirit of our Constitution and pledge again our loyalty to the Flag of our Country, our homes and our heroes.

STEPS ON GAS WHEN TOLD TO "STICK 'EM UP"

Alfred Straube and Party Make Escape from Hold-ups Near LaGrange.

Last Saturday evening, by stepping on the accelerator of his car, Alfred Straube escaped from three hold-up men just west of LaGrange, saved the car and all the valuables the party had with them.

With his father, Wm. Straube, and Chas. Crocker of Hinsdale, and Mr. Grubbs, friend from Chicago, they were driving to Downers Grove. When just west of LaGrange near the Plainfield road, a red lantern showed up ahead and Alfred, who was driving slowed down. Two men jumped on the running board and ordered the party to stop, saying something about the road.

Suspecting that they were not authorized to stop auto parties in this manner, Straube pushed off the man on his side of the car and Crocker acting at almost the same instant did likewise for the man on the other side. At the same time the car took a leap forward, and so great was the power applied that fire came from the exhaust.

Three shots were fired by the hold-up men, one of them going thru the top of the car, but this merely served to hurry their prospective victims on. The LaGrange police were notified of the attempted robbery, but seemed indifferent not even going out on the road to see if the men could be picked up.

America has been since the signing of the Declaration of Independence by our forefathers, a country worthy of recognition by the entire civilized world. Each epoch in our history has placed before us on the Roll of Honor men whose loyalty and unswerving duty to home and country deserve praise and homage. Never since July 3rd, 1776, when Washington took the command of the American army, has our great America been without heroes, and never will she be. The turning of the pages of our history to 1812, 1848, 1861, with its heroes, some of whom are our honored guests tonight, and again in 1898, when the call came for America to produce a power for the betterment of civilization, then came the last call, 1917, a cry for aid for humanity's sake and the noble response which was given is all fresh in our minds tonight.

Out of a land whose teachings have been for independence went the pride of the country. No true American has been known to falter or shirk his duty for his country. No nation on earth has greater cause for loyalty, greater reason for being a citizen of any country than the men and women who live under the stars and stripes of America. Our boys in whose honor we are here assembled knew, believed and lived the fact. Out of the great commonwealth of Illinois, out from DuPage County, away from Downers Grove and home, the heroes went, and over us the rainbow of everlasting beauty sheds its mists of perfect fidelity. Our boys, whose names will ever, and forever, emblazon the pages of American history, went forth to live or die for their land and home.

While it was not our privilege to pay direct homage to these heroes who made the supreme sacrifice, and while we will not be able to journey annually with our flowers to decorate the sacred soil where they sleep, we hang this tablet to show the citizens of Downers Grove through the years to come that we have appreciated the great debt we owe.

Mr. President, we come tonight, Daughters of the American Revolution, descendants of American patriots and heroes, with the friends of this community to present to the Board of Education this tablet in memory of

ALEXANDER BRADLEY BURNS
LEROY DEXTER
JOHN POZDOL
HENRY BUSCHMANN
HARRY McALLISTER
MARSHALL STATTON
JOHN BRYAN
JOE MALEK

LOCAL Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEE OR- GANIZED MONDAY

County "Y" Secretary Richie is Organizing Every Community In Du Page.

With the first year's work of the County Young Men's Christian Association showing definite results in the fourfold character building program, local business and professional men are organizing local committees to act in an advisory capacity. Still more significant is the cooperation being given by the pastors of the various churches by selecting strong leading laymen to represent them on the Advisory Committee.

On Monday evening at Downers Grove a local committee was organized with Mr. A. C. Phelps as chairman and Mr. J. C. Penner as secretary. Pastors or other representatives were also present from St. Paul's Evangelical Church, the Congregational and the Baptist besides the Methodist and Evangelical.

By vote the committee approved of the plans outlined by County Secretary W. H. Richie for the introduction of the new Christian Citizenship Training Program in Sunday Schools where boys were in need of a strong and interesting mid-week program. For promoting this special group-work—Mr. Phelps, Mr. Penner and Mr. F. P. Wells were elected as a Co-operating Committee to be registered at the Inter-National Regional Office in Chicago.

In taking the chairmanship of the committee Mr. Phelps explained that he was very busy and had limited time for such work but he felt that the church people should present a united front and a unified concern and interest in the boys. He made a strong appeal for the backing of all citizens for this character building movement.

West Chicago, Glen Ellyn and Lombard are also under way with the organization of Local Committees, and Wheaton recently added a number of men to its committee.

A Track and Field Meet is scheduled for the Grammar school at Downers Grove for Tuesday afternoon, under the direction of Mr. Butler, Mr. Van Antwerp and the County "Y" Secretary. This will be a class contest, run off in weight classes so that each boy will compete with boys of his own weight.

On Saturday the 29th the three Grammar schools of Wheaton are to have a Track Meet in connection with the meet promoted by the American Legion. To interest the younger boys in track athletics is recognized as the best way to develop material for future track teams.

On Sunday evening the County "Y" Secretary conducted a piece of cooperative Christian work which was most helpful to the community of Lombard. With a team of three students he spoke in the Methodist Church on behalf of the Family Altar. This is part of a nation-wide campaign to reinstate prayer and Bible reading in American homes. The greatest danger facing our nation today is that in the homes—God will be left out and children grow up with little reverence for their Creator.

BEG YOUR PARDON

The report of the fire truck fund in last week's Reporter had several mistakes, which we wish to correct. Lehmann, W. M., should read, Lehmann, W. J.; the amount subscribed by H. S. Dum should read \$5.00 instead of \$4.00 and Dan Miley tells us it is a long time since he has seen his last name written with an "S" before the Miley. Of course his well known smile would lead many people to call him "Smiley," but in justice to him it was Miley that contributed.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy of our many neighbors and friends during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. H. M. Allen
and Children.

LA GRANGE BAND HAS BEEN SECURED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Village Fathers Dig Into Pockets to Help Pay for Services of Musicians.

On Memorial Day, which will be observed this year on Monday, May 31, the LaGrange band will furnish the music for the local observance of the day.

Their services have been arranged for by the local American Legion post who have guaranteed to pay them \$150.00 for their services for the entire afternoon. A committee from the Legion visited the Board meeting on Monday evening to see if that body would appropriate some money to help pay for the services of the band. The committee was informed that under the law it could not be done. However, those present at the meeting very liberally dug down into their pockets and made up a purse of \$60.00 to go toward the music.

Presentation of Citations. The French Government has prepared beautiful citations for all American soldiers who laid down their lives in France and these will be presented to the nearest of kin of the Downers Grove soldier boys on Memorial Day, after the regular services. Capt. Harry Slusser will make the presentation.

Usual Parade. Besides the members of the Grand Army, it is expected that hundreds of ex-service men, veterans of the world war, will march in the usual parade. The G. A. R. will hold their regular service in the cemetery, followed by a short service in memory of the boys of '17 and '18.

On next Monday evening a meeting will be held by the local Legion to perfect plans for the day. On Monday May 24th a general meeting of ex-service men will be held at the Legion rooms to lay out the line of march and arrange final details of the day.

LOCAL BASEBALL SEASON STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

American Legion Team Will Meet Bensenville Here in First Contest of Spring.

Bensenville baseball players will come to Downers Grove on next Sunday afternoon for a game with the American Legion team. It will be the first local baseball contest of the 1920 season and will be called at three o'clock at the North Side field. All the old stars will be in the game and it is expected that these Sunday afternoon contests will be as popular as they were last season.

Team Needs Funds. Under the direction of Melvin "Brick" Binder, who has charge of the American Legion team, the grounds have been put into as good playing shape as possible, a few benches have been provided and a new back-stop erected. Besides these expenses the team has purchased new uniforms. The cost to date totals almost two hundred and fifty dollars.

Many local baseball fans have expressed a desire to get behind the team with financial assistance this year. In order to see if there are others who wish to donate, Mel Binder, Hugh Brown and Grant Nash are authorized to accept contributions to help pay for the uniforms and other incidentals of getting the team into action.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Monday we will open a modern, up-to-date bakery in the old stand on Main street, next door to the First National Bank. Every inch of this building has been gone over and the sanitary condition of the shop could not be improved on. We invite a general public inspection of the premises in their new condition and respectfully ask that you give our products a trial. You will find them excellent in taste.

Chas. Baker.
Chas. Thurm.

FOURTH NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL SERIES THURSDAY

Orchestra, Assisted by Others, Will Give Concert at Methodist Church.

On next Thursday evening, May 20, the fourth number of the Downers Grove High School Entertainment Course will be given at the Methodist Church.

The High School Orchestra, under the direction of Miss McIlhenny, assisted by Miss Zeta Brown, Reader, Miss Marie Reed, Mr. George Nargey and Miss Gwendolyn Griffith, the ever so clear, clear singer, will give what should be one of the best concerts of the year.

In order that the music furnished by the orchestra be of the highest order, the members have been putting in long hours practicing and their work should prove a surprise to those who have not heard them in the last few weeks.

Single admission tickets will be on sale at seven-forty five.

KOLZOW — MOCHEL

Miss Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kolzow of Hinsdale, and Mr. Raymond Mochel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mochel of Downers Grove, were married last Sunday afternoon in the Lutheran Church, Hinsdale. The Rev. H. C. Guebert, pastor of the church, performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Mochel are making their home for the present with the groom's parents.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Roth announce the marriage of their daughter, Agnes, to Mr. Edward Carmoly of Valley Mont., on Thursday, May 6th.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY EXPLAINS SUIT TO GET BACK TAXES

Lots on Which Special Assessments Have Not Been Paid Will Be Sold Soon.

Downers Grove Reporter,
Downers Grove, Ill.
Gentlemen:

In response to your inquiry and to others who have asked about the meaning of the suit, the legal notice of which is now running in The Reporter, I wish to give the following explanation: The suit pertains to a Bill in Chancery filed by the Village against the owners, tax purchasers and all persons having any interest in a large number of lots within the Village against which there have been Special Assessments levied in the past for different improvements such as storm sewers, sidewalks, street paving, etc., and which assessment have been allowed to become delinquent (not paid). In consequence of non-payment of the Specials referred to in the Bill, the particular Special Assessments suffered a shortage of funds to meet the Bonds issued against them.

The Village hoped by this suit to obtain a decree by means of which title can be given to the purchasers of the property when offered for sale. The various lots affected will eventually be offered for sale and the Village will be satisfied with any offer that will include the amount of the assessments together with the legal charges against the property. A copy of the Bill is on file at the Village Collector's office, and anyone interested may call there and ascertain from it the exact amount outstanding against the property. If anyone wishes to pay the assessment on his property, he may do so by sending his check to the County Collector at Wheaton, and thereby not only save the property being offered for sale in which case title to the same may be lost to the present owners or any other person interested therein. Any person interested would be acting wisely to investigate now and not let his property go to sale for the assessments against it.

Yours truly,
A. B. Snow.

GIVES VIEWS RE- GARDING WORK OF P. T. ASSOCIATION

When Asked to Serve as President, S. J. Brown Names Acceptance Conditions.

A committee of your members has requested that I permit my name to be presented as a candidate for president of your organization. Before permitting this action to be taken, I deem it wise to submit to your body my views regarding your work:

I believe that work of very great value can be done by the Parent-Teacher's Association; that it can be of inestimable good, both to the school and the community at large, but that its work lies outside of, rather than within the school itself.

Your organization should constitute a body to which the Superintendent of Schools, or the Board of Education, could go at any time for organized co-operation in furthering any movement for the betterment of the schools.

That the services of your society should be subject to the request either of the Superintendent of Schools or of the Board of Education, and that such request should come from them to your president, and he, in turn, delegate the work requested to the proper committee.

That the Parent-Teacher's Association should exert its effort to create and maintain for the school and the village a satisfactory environment, and that it should aid in providing the teachers of the schools with all possible comforts, both as to habitation and entertainment, that they may know the community appreciates their work.

That every aid and encouragement be given to the best forms of athletics and that the pupils of the schools be given the encouragement of easy access to the best literature. Just now, this community and school district face problems of great moment, in the solving of which this organization can be, and should be of great assistance.

From the very nature of the situation, it is essential for the success of the work before the association, that no suggestion of dictation to the school authorities be allowed; in short, we should be an organization for service, one to be commanded, rather than to command. If elected to this position, I shall expect the co-operation of all the committees in line with the suggestions I have outlined.

With these ideas before you, if you see fit to elect me as the head of your organization, I shall be pleased to serve both you and the community to the best of my ability.

Since every citizen should be interested in the work of the Parent-Teacher's Association, its aims and methods should be given widest publicity; therefore, I consider it wise to send a copy of this letter to The Downers Grove Reporter, so that if I am honored with election as president all in the community who are in harmony with the suggestions I have made, may work together for the best good of the schools and the community.

Sincerely,
Stanley J. Brown.

ENGAGED

The following clipping is from the Daily Northwestern, the student paper of Northwestern University. Miss Eulette is a former resident of Downers Grove and Mr. Lane hails from Concordia, Kansas.

Margaret (Peggy) Eulette, class of '22, at the Delta Gamma Cozy last Friday, announced her engagement to Edwin W. (Buddy) Lane of the same class. Both Peg and Bud are well known on the campus, the former being interested in many branches of college activity, while Bud, a member of the Scribblers, is a Purple football and basketball star of the first magnitude.