

SCOUT CAMP AT DELEVAN NEARLY READY FOR BOYS

Letter From Scout Executive C. H. Barnes, to Boys of the District.

Delevan, Wis., June 22, 1920.

My Dear Scouts:

This is a great camp site here. The more I see of this place here the better I like it and the more possibilities I see for real Scouting. There is no end to the things that we can do here and there are all the features at the beach that make it safe. The beach runs out about 100 feet on a gentle slope and at that point we are to build our diving pier. From the far side of the pier there will be about the right depth of water to dive in. There are some good fish in the lake but one of the Scouts here says that they are not very accommodating as he can get only one at a time.

The first visitor to the camp was a fine mother turtle that came to the top of the hill to lay her eggs but as she chose the spot that we were to stack lumber for the mess hall she had to find a new place to put her eggs for the sun to hatch. We have had a fine lot of turtles in the camp that the Scouts found. Scout Templeton of LaGrange found one little one no bigger than a quarter.

We now have a baby rabbit in the camp. The Scouts found him in the woods with a broken leg and Scoutmaster Eckman of Riverside set the leg and applied splints. We hope to keep him until he is well and can run so that the big hawk we saw the second day in camp will not get him.

There are about twenty different kinds of trees in the woods and many shrubs. We are cutting some of the trees in order to have room for the mess hall. The Scouts here are doing some real pioneering and will get credit for this on their merit badge in Pioneering. But do not worry Scouts, there will be some real work for you when you come especially if you get in on the first period of the camp, that starts July 5. There will be the pier to finish with the real pile driver. Then we will build a slide down the bank into the lake so that you can have a real shoot-the-shoots on the bank. Then the Camp Director will have to have a little help to pull some of the old stumps that are in the place that we want for our baseball diamond.

The first day I was in Delevan I saw Mr. Tyrell who owns the large swamp to the west of our land and he said, "Well, what can I do to help the Scouts? Let them have the privilege of running over in the old swamp to get the turtles, frogs and harmless snakes that are there. Well if that is all you want you can have it and more than welcome." See Scouts, we have some good neighbors and we will show them that the Boy Scouts from the West Suburban District are the right kind of Scouts and we will not make any trouble in their land.

I have seen more birds than I can identify. There have been all kinds and sizes from the smallest warblers to the great big herons and osprey. Then the other night I walked to the spring by the old Indian tree where we get our water until we have the well done, and we (Allen Whitbeck, Assistant Scoutmaster of Brookfield Troop No. 1) saw the little fire flies by the myriads. They were sending a message to you in Morse Code and Allen translated it to say "When are your Scouts coming to camp? They should begin to pack their kits now."

As you know Scouts the men who are the members of the West Suburban Council have bought this land and dedicated it to the use of the Boy Scouts for years. This is your land and I think that you should come up and inspect the land that is yours. Tell father and mother that the Camp Officials will take good care of you and that I will be here ready to help you at any time. There will be a camp for the families of the Scoutmasters over on the high knoll to the west and you can see them any time you think that you would like to talk with mother. They will be as willing and ready to assist you as the men.

Get busy and send in the application for the first period if you want to be in on the real Scouting and see the camp grow. I will take a picture of each Scout and the work that he does so he can always have it to show what he did to make the camp a success. Then too we must soon start on a name for the camp. I must stop now and get this in the mail so it will be in time. But do not delay Scouts send in your application to 37 Board of Trade Building, Chicago, and I will have them forwarded from there.

Hoping to meet you in the camp and tell you all about the birds, trees and other things that you will see, I am

Yours for a fine time in this place,
C. H. Barnes.

NEWSY NOTES FROM LACE

STAFFELDT-MUELLER

* Miss Cora Staffeldt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staffeldt and Mr. Ed. Mueller of Naperville, was united in holy matrimony last Wednesday afternoon, June 16th at the Lacey church. The Rev. Walter Burmeister, pastor of the church officiating.

The bride, beautifully gowned in white satin and an embroidered bridal veil, and carrying a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley, entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her away. She was attended by Mrs. Harry Frolich sister of the groom, as Matron of Honor. Mrs. Frolich wore white satin and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Miss Margaret Mueller, the groom's sister, attired in pale blue Jap silk and carrying pink and white carnations, acted as bride's maid.

The groom's attendants were Mr. Harry Frolich, best man and Mr. Elmer Staffeldt, groomsman.

Little Viola Mueller, a niece of the groom, and Bertha Zielka, cousin of the bride, carried pink roses and lilies of the valley and served as flower girls.

After the ceremony the immediate relatives of the contracting parties and a few friends gathered at the bride's home where a most delicious dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Mueller expect to be settled in their home at Naperville after July tenth.

The Misses Adele and Ada Mandel and Malinda Anderman motored to Dellwood Park Wednesday to attend the picnic given by Aluminum Products Company.

An entertainment will be given by the Lacey Luther League on the evenings of June 30th and July 1st. The young people will be assisted by the orchestra of the Hinsdale Lutheran Church.

The Annual Picnic of the Lacey church will be celebrated Sunday, July 4th, at Mr. Victor Henry's grove.

The Ladies Aid meets Friday, June 25th, with Mrs. V. Henry.

BRYAN'S WOODS TO BE SCENE OF FIREMAN PICNIC

Annual Independence Day Event to Be Held Monday, July Fifth.

For so many years that they have lost track of the number, the Downers Grove Fire Department has given a picnic on the Fourth of July. This year will be no exception.

People who have attended these annual picnics in the past realize the good times they have had and eagerly look forward to the next one. The money earned from the affair is used by the fire laddies for supplies, for attending annual meetings and conventions and for expenses of various kinds.

As usual a dance floor will be erected in the picnic grove which will be in Bryan's Woods, at the west end of Belmont street. There will be good music, games of various kinds, ice cream, soft drinks and all the things which go to make a picnic a day of pleasure.

The State Firemen's Tournament will be held this year at the State Fair at Springfield and the local boys hope to clear enough on the picnic so that every member of the department will be able to attend the tournament.

INDIANS TO BE GUESTS OF CAPT. PARKER SUNDAY

Will Hold a Pow Wow at the Curtiss Theatre at 3:30—Open To The Public.

Capt. R. D. Parker of 69 Gilbert avenue, will be host to the Fellowship League of North American Indians, and members of the Chicago Historical Society next Sunday. A reception will be held for the guests at his home from 12:30 to 2:00 when a picture will be taken for historical purposes. The D. A. R., the Downers Grove Historical Society and local residents are invited to participate.

The Fellowship League boasts of having members of nearly every tribe of Indians of North America in its ranks. Organized to promote the welfare of the American Indian, it is constantly working to this end.

After the usual ceremonies incident to a meeting of this kind are over, the Indians will have a Pow Wow at the Curtiss Theatre. A program has been provided for the occasion and the general public is invited to attend.

There will be no admission charge and the Indians wish especially to have the children attend.

REBEKAH LODGE TO BE INSTITUTED HERE JULY 17TH

Work Will Commence Saturday Afternoon, Supper at Six—And a Session in the Evening.

Downers Grove Lodge, No. 750, I. O. O. F. will have an auxiliary in Downers Grove soon with the date of the institution of Bluebird Rebekah set for Saturday afternoon, July 17. It was announced last week that institution would be made on July 10, but owing to a change in the plans of the Staff from Aurora, the date was changed to July 17.

The staff which will do the work is from Minnehaha Rebekah Lodge, Aurora and they will bring as guests officers from the Illinois State Rebekah Assembly. Work will commence in the afternoon when the institution will take place. Supper is to be served at six o'clock which will be followed by election and installing of officers in the evening.

A Rebekah Lodge in Downers is not entirely new as the old Banner Lodge, some of whose charter members are still residents here, was located here for a good many years but returned its charter when most of its members moved away. This was some twenty years ago when a very small field only was had to draw from.

The Rebekah Lodge is the woman's branch of the Odd Fellows and a necessary one at that. It is recognized by students of fraternalism that its work in the community among men is best promoted only with the aid of women. While it is known as the woman's branch, Odd Fellows are also eligible to membership and a very goodly proportion of the charter signers are local I. O. O. F. which welcomes Bluebird Lodge to assist in the I. O. O. F. doctrines taught.

With Downers Grove growing by leaps and bounds it is expected that Bluebird Lodge will grow with it and take its place at the head of the list.

Special Invitation to Members.
A special invitation has been issued to all charter members of Bluebird Lodge to attend a Public Installation to be held at Minnehaha Lodge, Aurora, on Friday evening July second.

It has been requested that a large representation be present to see the work in view of the installation here in the 17th. Those who can make arrangements to go will please notify Mr. W. H. Beidelman, 100 Rogers st., phone 45-J at once so that the Aurora Lodge can be informed as to how many to expect.

EASTERN STAR HELD ASSOCIATE MATRON'S NIGHT

Masonic Hall Crowded Tuesday Evening With Members of Vesta and Visitors.

Associate Matron's night was fittingly observed Tuesday evening of this week by Vesta Chapter. Order of the Eastern Star. Members and visitors crowded the Masonic Hall to its capacity as the Chapter was called to order.

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PERSONAL FRIENDS BID REV. AND MRS. FLEMING FAREWELL

Presented Departing Pastor With a Purse at Reception Following Service.

Following the Union Farewell Service for Rev. B. H. Fleming at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, a large number of members and friends gathered in the church parlors for a word of personal farewell to their pastor.

After a brief exchange of greetings the meeting was called to order by Rev. A. S. Phelps. The audience joined in singing "Coronation" after which Mr. C. K. Roe led in prayer. A quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Michel and Mr. Chas. and Miss Marianna Roe, sang a sacred number. This was followed by a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, which had been especially requested as this would be the last opportunity of hearing them sing.

As this was the nineteenth wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife Mr. Plumley in behalf of the church presented Mrs. Fleming with a large bouquet. Mr. Phelps, expressing the love and appreciation of the members of the church tendered to Mr. Fleming an envelope containing fifty dollars. The pastor responded in a few heartfelt words, thanking them for the useful and timely gift and the spirit which prompted it.

During the service a couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams, of 43 Grove street, were united with the church by letter.

The service was closed by the audience joining hands and singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and the benediction pronounced by the pastor.

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