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GAME SUNDAY BROKEN UP BY ARGUMENTS

Locals Ahead When Game is Stopped by Naperville's Poor Sportsmanship.

Last Sunday's baseball game with Naperville will probably be the last played with that aggregation by the local American Legion team at least while they are under the present management. Standing only for the cleanest of athletics, the Legion team will cut them off the list. The bullying tactics employed by our neighbor in the game in Downers Grove and last Sunday's game in accord with the ideas of both local players and the loyal rooters who follow them, of a baseball game.

The game started clean and fast. Wehrli was on the hill with Fikerle behind the plate for Naperville and Streed, with his receiver, Kingsley, were in the points for Downers. Carpenter greeted Wehrli with a clean drive and scored on errors. Nothing doing in the second. In the third the locals landed on Wehrli for four hits, one a screeching three bagger by Binder, scoring three runs. They came right back at Naperville in the fourth with three hits, one a long two ply swat to deep left by Klein, scoring one more run, which ended the scoring for the locals in the seven innings played, Wehrli being pounded all over the lot.

Naperville's chances were nil before the superb hurling of Streed (Continued on Page 8)

WOMAN'S CLUB OPENED SEASON WITH RECEPTION

Annual Luncheon Given in G. A. R. Hall Wednesday Afternoon—Guild Served.

The Downers Grove Woman's Club set the ball rolling for the year of 1920-21 last Friday evening by giving the customary yearly reception to the teachers of our public schools and Kindergarten.

The Oxford Quartet was unable to appear and was succeeded by the Imperial Quartet, who favored the enthusiastic audience with innumerable songs, both old and new.

Sociability and refreshments followed. The latter served by the efficient house committee, were no small part of the evening's enjoyment.

On Wednesday, October 6th, the club was hostess to one hundred and twenty-five members and guests. The one o'clock luncheon, served in the G. A. R. Hall by members of the "Guild," proved them to be adepts in the culinary art.

At the close of the luncheon Mrs. M. W. Coultrap, president of the eleventh district, gave a short talk in which she stated that Americanization, opportunity and thrift were three very important things and also urged women to enter politics and use the ballot whenever opportunity offers.

The afternoon's program was opened by an instrumental duet by the Misses Potter and Winslow of the Kindergarten force, followed by Keller's American Hymn sung by the audience.

The celebrated lecturer, Mr. Earl Barnes, held the interest of the audience the rest of the afternoon. Many of his remarks gave much food for thought, his subject, "Modern American Ideas and Ideals" proved how woman has slowly but surely won her way to the front and now stands on an equal footing with the male sex.

Mrs. Charles Geiger, representing the Republican National Committee, will speak at Library Hall next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, under the auspices of the Downers Grove Woman's Club. The club will also endeavor to have a woman speaker upholding the Democratic platform the same afternoon. This meeting is open to the public absolutely free.

FOUR RATTLE-SNAKES KILLED ON OAKWOOD

Family of Young Reptiles Disturbs Peace of Neighborhood—Watch for Them.

Four Rattlesnakes were killed on Oakwood avenue last week and the usually peace-loving people who dwell in that neighborhood are now walking around with clubs in their hands, seeking what they might kill.

All four of these poisonous reptiles were about two feet long and it is probable that they were from the same brood. They are of the diamond back variety of this snake and were not old enough to sport rattles on the ends of their tails, merely the button.

As the age of the reptile has nothing to do with the poison, only with the amount, these young snakes are as dangerous as those two or three times as large. People should watch their step.

These are the first of this variety which have been heard from in this vicinity in many years. About 18 years ago one was killed at Belmont which measured over six feet long.

The Oakwood avenue snakes were killed by F. E. Lower, Bob Schrank, Paul Wenzel and Bob Bryce.

FRANK N. DAVIS ON THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTION

Nails a Few Falsehoods Circulated by Those Who Wished to Defeat Him.

In the recent election for a member of the Board of Education statements were made by those who opposed Mr. F. N. Davis. These statements were absolutely false but so credulous is the public that they were believed and this led to the defeat of Mr. Davis.

In the following letter he nails a few of these falsehoods:

Downers Grove, Ill., Oct. 8, 1920.
Downers Grove Reporter,
Downers Grove, Ill.

Dear Sir:

It seems manifestly fair that some answer should be made to the canard-propagated during the recent election of a member of the Board of Education to the effect that I was a member of the Christian Science Church; that on one occasion I had been seen at a Christian Science service; that I had "leanings that way" and that I had political affiliations therewith. All of these statements are absolutely false. I had refrained from making any comment on the subject as I had full faith in the integrity and sincerity of purpose of persons reported to have made such statements assuming they had been misinformed.

I consented that my name should be filed after talking with a half dozen men who either asked or advised that such consent be given. None of these men were Christian Scientists or adherents of that faith, and consent was given with the then understanding that there would be no other "filed." I had no further conversation with anyone about the election up to within about twenty-four hours thereof. Up to that time I had no knowledge of who circulated my petition nor who filed it.

Had I been elected a member of the Board of Education I should have given the Christian Science Church (as well as all others) my best consideration and judgment. I assume (Continued on Page 6)

FREE ADVERTISING

Nobody ever thinks of going to the coal dealer and asking him to send a little coal up to the church or lodge room to heat up the building for a meeting or entertainment, says an exchange. Nor does one ask the ice cream man to donate ice cream, nor does one suggest free lights for the occasion. But people often express surprise and resentment if the newspaper man asks remuneration for an advertising notice relative to aforesaid meeting or entertainment.

PEOPLE'S FORUM TO OPEN IN ST. JOSEPHS CHURCH

Dr. Eneas B. Goodwin Starts Plan For Public Discussion on Important Questions.

"Shall the State of Illinois Own and Operate the Coal Mines?" That is a pretty broad question which requires quite a bit of thinking and quite a bit of study to formulate a satisfactory answer. It also smacks a little socialism and of the newer sovietism.

This is only one of the many questions which will be discussed at the People's Forum in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, corner Main and Franklin streets. The first session of the Forum will be held this evening and Dr. Eneas B. Goodwin whose idea it is, assures us that everybody is welcome and urged to attend. Everyone is invited to either participate in the discussion or just sit and listen to arguments pro and con on the questions.

The first subject for discussion is one which touches the pocketbook of every household. It is the question of an adequate supply of coal at a price which is within reach.

Illinois has some of the biggest and best soft coal mines in the country. In spite of this fact people of the state have not been sure the past two or three years if they were going to get their full winter's supply or not. The question is shall the state take over and run these mines for the benefit of the people.

John F. Delaney, the expert on the coal situation for the Chicago Evening American, has been secured to lead the discussion on this evening. He is the man on the American staff who has followed the entire coal situation from the time of the miners first strike last winter and he will speak with authority. Following his talk a general discussion will take place with Dr. Goodwin as Moderator.

No set program has been arranged for the succeeding numbers of the Forum. Questions which vitally affect the whole people will be arranged for and they will be non-sectarian and as near unbiased as they can be made to be.

LEGION ELEVEN OPENS FOOTBALL SEASON SUNDAY

Team Looks Good as 1920 Gridiron Time Looms—Vegas Athletic Club Comes Here.

Meeting the Vegas Athletic Club of Chicago next Sunday the American Legion football team will start the Sunday afternoon season on the North Side Field.

Great Things are expected from the local eleven this year. Looking over the line-up of those who have signed to play this game it seems as if Downers Grove pigskin enthusiasts will see some great games and not a few victories.

The probable line-up of the local team Sunday will be:

- Butler—Center.
- Hall and Brown—Guards.
- Roth and Dexter—Tackles.
- Vaughan and Bertolin—Ends.
- Davenport—Quarter.
- Cline and Griffith—Halves.
- Grish—Full.

Almost every one of the above men have played on high school teams. Butler was with Wheaton High, Hall, Brown, Roth, Vaughan, Bertolin, Davenport and Griffiths have worn the purple and white of D. G. H. S. "Butch" Grish was a star ground gainer for the Naperville H. S. Dexter has played in many a contest for the locals and Cline learned the game in Waukegan. Besides these Albert and Paul Vix, George Johnstone, Ed. Garrison and Edward Dewey are waiting to step in.

Rooters can expect a great brand of football from this aggregation. It is probable that they will not lose many games if they tie up with eleven anywhere near their weight. The first game, Sunday afternoon, October 10th, will be called at 3:15.

RIVERSIDE H. S. AND DOWNERS HIGH TO CLASH TOMORROW

School Teams to Meet on North Side Field in Season's First Contest.

Downers Grove High School will start the 1920 football season tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, October 9, when they meet the Riverside High School team on the North Side Field.

Coch Rogers of the local school has been putting his squad through some grilling practices in the last two weeks in an effort to build up a winning combination. He has not had much material to work with as only three men who won their letters last year are back at school.

Last week and again Wednesday evening, the locals scrimmaged with the much heavier LaGrange eleven. This put the Purple squad on edge and it is expected that they will play good football Saturday afternoon.

The probable line-up for the game will be:

- Brooks—Center.
- Tylor and Rogers—Guards.
- Grumbaus and Phelps—Tackles.
- Kellogg and Stephens—Ends.
- Sullivan—Quarter.
- Smith, Tank and Stevenson—Backs.

Besides these O'Neill, Swigert, Leimbuth and Sedwich will be on the side lines waiting for a chance to get into the game.

The team is rather light but with the vim they showed and the hard work they have been doing it is expected that they will be able to give a good account of themselves in a regular game.

Seven games have been scheduled for the season as follows:

- October 9—Riverside, here.
- October 16—Naperville, there.
- October 30—Wheaton, there.
- November 6—Glen Ellyn, here.
- November 13—Elmhurst, here.
- November 20—Riverside, there.

This gives the locals a game with every county team with the exception of West Chicago and a game may be booked with them before the season is over.

COUNCIL ACCEPTS BRANIGAR BROS. ADD. TO VILLAGE

Land West of Main Street and South of the Limits Now a Part of the Town.

Downers Grove, Ill., Sept. 27, 1920. Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bryce, Haller and Heatt. Commissioner Bender absent.

Minutes of the meeting of September 20th, 1920, were read and Commissioner Heatt moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Heatt, Haller, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heatt presented the following resolution and moved for its acceptance:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That a plat presented by Commissioner Heatt of Branigar Bros. Main Street Addition to Downers Grove, being a subdivision of all that part of Lot 30 in Assessor's Division of Sections 7 and 8 in Township 38 N. R. 11 East of the 3rd P. M., lying west of Main St. (excepting from said Lot 30 that part in the N. E. corner thereof conveyed to the Village of Downers Grove, Ill., in 1920, be amended and the same be accepted as of September 27th, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Heatt, Haller, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date October 4th, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heatt, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.
Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

NAPERVILLE MAN KILLED AS AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Abraham Sollenberger Caught Under Steering Wheel of Car He Was Learning to Drive.

Abraham Sollenberger, a retired farmer of Naperville, was instantly killed Wednesday evening when the car he was driving went over the embankment just north of the high bridge crossing the Burlington in the east end of Naperville.

B. W. Stark, whose car it was had Mr. Sollenberger out for a trial spin as he was contemplating buying the machine. Sollenberger had owned a Ford so knew how to drive and he took the wheel. As they approached the bridge he stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake and the car went over the embankment pinning him underneath. It immediately caught fire and before he could be extracted was burned rather badly down one side. It is certain however that he was instantly killed.

Stark was considerably bruised but escaped from the wreck with minor injuries.

A coroners jury was impaneled yesterday and brought in a verdict in compliance with the above.

U. OF I. CREDITS HIGH SCHOOL IN 4 NEW STUDIES

Other Interesting Paragraphs About the Local Schools and the Teachers.

The local high school has recently been accredited by the University of Illinois for work in Music, Art, General Science and French II, one year of Mechanical Drawing and one year of Civics. The first named four subjects have been credited to the local school for the first time. The last named two have been getting one-half unit of credit. From now on, a full unit may be given.

Miss Newton, instructor in Domestic Art, attended a meeting of Smith-Hughes teachers at Aurora one day the past week. The State Leader, Miss Cora E. Davis, had charge of the meeting. All of the Smith-Hughes instructors in northern Illinois were in attendance.

Miss Clayton spent Sunday at her home in Kankakee.

Mr. Smith Getting, our popular instructor in Manual Training, has been wearing a big smile this week. Reason, a ten pound daughter, Mary Jane born in the Aurora hospital last Saturday morning.

Superintendent Snapp held his first regular grade teachers' meeting on Monday evening. The subject "Silent Reading" was discussed, the superintendent acting as chairman. Principal Vernon also conducted a meeting of high school teachers the same evening, the subject under discussion being "Methods of Secondary School Administration."

The students are very enthusiastic concerning the game with Riverside Saturday afternoon of this week and it is hoped that the fathers and mothers as well as every student and teacher will be on the side lines yelling for D. G. H. S.

AT LAST, AN AD.

The editor of a country weekly remarked the other day as he held up a copy of his paper, "See that big advertisement of a 'closing out' sale of hardware? I tried for years to get that firm to advertise but it would not. Now it is advertising, but for a much different purpose. It's rivals have its business." In this incident is packed one of the best sermons for the non-advertising merchant we ever saw. This is the day of publicity if success should be gained and held.

CAMPAIGNERS ARE AFTER MONEY FOR BOY SCOUT FUND

Local Scout Council Holds Successful Meeting at Congo Church Preceding Drive.

Local Scouts Hold Successful Meeting. At a special meeting of the local Council of Boy Scouts of America held in the Congregational Church on last Monday evening, final plans were made for the canvass of the village for subscriptions to the Boy Scout Camp fund and local expenses of which mention was made in the first issue of The Reporter.

The Chairman, Mr. H. S. Fauce, introduced Scout Executive C. H. Barnes of Riverside, and Camp Commissioner E. H. Bingham of Mundelein, each of whom gave a very interesting talk with reference to the camp site, the work carried on by the Scouts while in camp, and of the Scout movement in general in this district. Mr. F. N. Davis also responded to the Chair by explaining to those present the work that has been and is continuing to be carried on for the good of the Scouts in the West Suburban District and especially in Downers Grove.

Although the attendance was not large five subscriptions were turned in before adjournment with a total of \$305.00. The quota asked of us toward the camp is small as compared with that to be given by other towns in this district and we should be the first to go over the top.

SCOUT GHOST PARTY AT BERWYN SAT., OCTOBER 30TH

Boy Scouts, Fathers, Mothers and Friends to Have Great Time Halloween.

Boy Scouts of the West Suburban Council are again active. With the close of the very successful camp on Lake Delevan the activities of the Scouts are transferred to the town along the Burlington. The Scouts who were in the camp, came home with a full supply of pep and have entered their brother Scouts who were not there so that they will surely take the trip to the camp next year. Already the Executive has the applications of several Scouts for the 1921 camp they are afraid that it will be too full for them and they make sure to be in on time.

Saturday, October 2, Troop No. 2 of Riverside, took an overnight hike to the Peabody Farm and showed the real stuff that Scouting puts in boys. They are sure there are no "Rambler Rooters" in their troop. Scout Tom Murphy the smallest Scout in the camp is now first class. Tom has been a Scout only six months. When his Scoutmaster Mr. Dean, asked him for a speech as to how he did a he stepped out in front of the troop and made a talk most as big as himself. This is what Tom said, "I worked."

Saturday, October 9, the Scoutmasters and Commissioners of the District are to take a hike and bear the report of the Scout Executive, C. H. Barnes, about his trip to the First National Scout Executive's Conference held at Deer Mountain, N. Y. They are to take a trip in the truck of Scoutmaster Hollowell of La Grange to the Forest Preserve south of the town.

Saturday night, October 30, every Scout with his father and mother and all the men and women of the District interested in Scouting are to meet at the baseball park in Berwyn and there have a real ghost time. Those interested say that all the ghosts of the vicinity will be there to defy the Scouts to catch them. The Scouts under the leadership of their Scoutmasters will meet at 3:30 p. m., and march from the station to the field. They will bring their own supper and the Council will have a barrel or more of cocoa for them. After supper the real time starts. Then the Scouts will be rested from their games and ready to see the ghosts. It is hoped that Mrs. Freeze, who (Continued on Page 8)