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WHOLE NO. 1912

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE ON NOV. 2

Voters Have to Including October 26 to See That Names are on Registration Lists.

Tuesday, October 12th, was registration day in Downers Grove and Du Page County. It was the first of its kind ever held in this district and the voters were not aware of the fact that it was to be held.

Part of the duty of a community newspaper is to keep the public informed as to occasions of this kind, but the Board of Supervisors evidently wanted to keep it as dark as possible as not a paper in the county was notified that registration day was to be held.

However it is not yet too late for those who did not register Tuesday, to get their names on the book. There are two ways that they can register and so be entitled to vote at the general election on November 2nd.

A registration book will hang on the outside of each polling place until Tuesday, October 26. Look in this book in the precinct where you reside, if your name is there, you are registered, if not write in yourself with your address, this is sufficient to register you. On October 26 the polling places will again be open for the final registration and on this day the election judges will be in charge. You can go to your polling place on that day and register in person.

For the information of those who are not sure where they vote since the redistricting of the village and surrounding territory we publish the following:

South of the "Q" and east of Main street, register and vote at the Curtis Theatre. South of the "Q" and west of Main street, register and vote at the Village Hall. North of the "Q" and west of Main street, register and vote at J. W. Tucker's Real Estate Office. North of the "Q" and east of Main street, register and vote at the Kewell Garage.

Women Interested.

Our office phone was kept busy nearly all day Tuesday by anxious women making inquiries regarding the registration. The showing made by the women voters in coming to the polls to see that their names were on the registration books indicates that in their first direct vote for the Chief Executive of the Nation they take no chances in being refused the ballot.

It is our prediction that on Tuesday, November 2nd, Downers Grove will cast the biggest vote ever recorded here. Not only the women but the men voters, also, are beginning to take an interest in the coming event.

Be sure you are registered. It will greatly lighten the work of the election boards in the making of affidavits on election day.

LEGION ELEVEN MEETS OAK PARK HERE ON SUNDAY

The American Legion football team will meet a crack team from Oak Park next Sunday afternoon, October 17th on the north side field. The game should prove to be one of the best exhibitions of football seen here in years as the teams are evenly matched from a weight standpoint. The Oakparkers it is said will average 175 pounds and this is about the weight of the local gridiron warriors.

Won First Game.

Playing together like a machine the Legion team literally walked all over the Vegas Athletic Club eleven from Chicago last Sunday, trimming them by the score of 48 to 0. It was hardly a contest as the visitors were outweighed and greatly outplayed.

Orson "Slippery" Downer will be one of the old stars in the game next Sunday who has not appeared in a uniform this year. His nickname shows how hard he is to get, either going thru the line or on one of those spectacular end runs.

Having a good team, the boys should receive the united support of local fans. The kind of support given the baseball team during the past season, should be given their brother players.

FIRST MEETING OF "OPEN FORUM" WAS A SUCCESS

Discussion of "Shortage" and High Prices Interested Many at St. Joseph's.

The Open Forum was organized last Friday night with a degree of enthusiasm that pleased the Rev. E. B. Goodwin, pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

Out of the question should the state own and control the coal mines of Illinois, came a demand by the people that the government or state take action that will insure public protection against the so-called "broker"—the "coal broker," the "sugar broker," the "flour broker," the "provision broker," the "produce broker," and the other brokers who have entered commercial pursuits between the producer, the wholesaler, the retailers and the consumer, and are demanding huge "commissions" by resale and taking from the profit of the legitimate dealer and causing the greater prices to the consumer.

It was a far cry and it echoed the education of the public—an education which cost dearly in dollars and in cents.

The coal question was the basic principle upon which the forum worked, and there were coal dealers, railroad men, business men, wives, mothers and those who guard the home pursestrings.

Father Goodwin opened the forum by explaining the purposes and the hopes of the Forum and then he introduced John F. Delaney, of The Chicago Evening American staff, who laid before them his experiences in the great coal fields of Central Illinois during the great coal strike of 1919. He painted a verbal picture of six hours in a coal mine, and then took the forum to the homes of the miners, through the "Valley of Hell" then followed the coal from the room three miles from the shaft of the mine, to the coal bin in the cellar, showing the processes through which the coal goes, adding at each step a price.

He spoke without taking any side on the subject. He pointed out that 51,000,000 more tons of coal was mined up to date this year than in the same period of 1919. Discussed the rate fixing of Indiana and the possibilities for Illinois' coal supply.

The consensus was that if the state owned the coal mines there would be too many political hands in the porridge, but that to regulate the supply so that a restricted price would not force the supply of coal from Illinois, it would be necessary for the state to own the mines.

It was proposed that the forum start a movement toward finding a "cozy place" in the penitentiary for manipulators of the necessities of life.

SOME ROCK

"But Rastus you can't get a divorce from your wife simply because she rocked you to sleep," said the lawyer who had been consulted by an old darkey.

Rastus answered, "That's all right, judge, but you should out have seen the rock she done it with."

MARY'S LITTLE LAMB IN NEW FORM

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow; it strayed away one day, where lambs should never go. And Mary sat her quickly down and tears streamed from her eyes; she never found her little lamb for she did not advertise. And Mary had a brother John who kept a village store; he sat him down and smoked a pipe, and watched the open door. And as the people passed along and did not stop to buy, John still sat and smoked his pipe and blinked his sleepy eyes. And so the sheriff closed him out but still he lingered near, and Mary came to drop with him, a sympathetic tear. "How is it sister, can you tell, why other merchants here sell all their goods so readily and thrive from year to year?" Remembering her own bad luck the little maid replied: "These other fellows get there, John, because they advertise."

GETTING READY TO THROW A SCARE INTO US



RIVERSIDE HIGH AND "PURPLE" TIE FIRST GAME

Local Eleven Journeys to Naperville to Play Old Rivals Tomorrow Afternoon.

Riverside and Downers Grove high school elevens opened the 1920 football season on the local field last Saturday afternoon by playing a great game to a tie. The final score six to six would make it appear that the teams were pretty evenly matched. They were with odds in favor of the locals who gained more ground than their opponents and proved themselves the more finished team.

The visitors scored in the first quarter when they blocked a punt in the locals territory and made a goal in three downs. After that one mark it was with difficulty that they gained any ground at all.

Phelps scored for the Purple and White in the third quarter when he made a touchdown after a long end run. Both teams failed to kick goal.

In the first game of the season it was possible to see what the local held various pastorates and just pre-high school would have this year in their team. They have proven that they can play together. They are too light to do very much damage to the average football team, but their spirit of win and their determination to hold up the reputation of D. G. H. S. for gameness, will in a measure overcome their exceeding lightness.

Naperville Tomorrow.

Tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, October 16, the team journeys to Naperville where they will play Naperville high school. The old rivalry which has existed between the two schools is being rekindled and it is expected that a large crowd of local rooters will accompany the team to our neighboring city.

The outcome of the game is hard to forecast, but the locals will make the trip confident of victory.

GIRLS WHO EARNED MONEY FOR BOOKS RECEIVE THANKS

Teachers and Pupils of North Side School Grateful for Parting Gifts of Scholars.

The pupils and teachers of the North Side School take this means of expressing their appreciation and thanks to the ten girls, who, on Tuesday, October 12th, presented to the School a set of beautiful books—"Junior Classics."

FORMER ARMY CHAPLAIN COMES TO M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Gilbert H. Newland Appointed to Pastorate Here by Rock River Conference.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Newland has been appointed by the Rock River Conference to the pastorate of the Methodist-Episcopal Church here and will have charge of the services for the first time Sunday morning.

Mr. Newland wears in his lapel the bronze discharge button designating that he has served in the armed forces of the United States during the World War. He held the rank of 1st Lieutenant being a Chaplain at Camp Custer when the armistice was signed. Previous to being transferred to Custer he was Methodist Camp Pastor at Camp Grant and it was here that he received his commission to the regular army.

Mr. Newland was born in Quincy, Ill. He received his religious education in the Garrett Biblical Institute at Northwestern University. Has been in the military service during the war was stationed at Dun-dee. After his army experiences he went into the Chicago and New York offices of the church helping in the centenary movement and attending to the detail work of the denomination. This is his first charge since the war.

Mr. Newland is married and has one daughter, a month old. His family will join him here in about a month and the Methodist parsonage is being made ready for their reception.

Being a young man, enthusiastic and having had the broadening experience of a "hitch" in the army, we expect Mr. Newland to be popular, not only with the members of his church, but with the younger people of the village who have no regular church affiliation. We welcome him to the Grove.

These books contain literature suited to the various grades, and will give knowledge and pleasure to all; and the pleasure is fourfold when we realize that these girls, because of their desire to leave a parting gift, in memory of their North Side school days, worked hard and earned the money for the gift.

The school is indebted and expresses gratitude to the following: Dorothy Matson, Florence Keater, Alice Matson, Florence Michael, Dorothy Pulsifer, Maude Haller, Mabel Pulsifer, Violet Haller, Mary Snow, Charlotte Bordwell.

FIRST REPORT ON DRIVE FOR BOY SCOUT FUNDS

Workers Are Well Organized and Local Quota Will be Exceeded.

The executive committee of the local Council of Boy Scouts of America met with the captains who are supervising the local drive for funds on Tuesday evening. The workers are well organized with ten solicitors working under each captain, so that all the territory will be covered.

Subscriptions to date have been received as follows:

F. N. Davis	\$100.00
H. S. Paine	75.00
W. H. Ray	100.00
Fred B. Towsley	100.00
Mrs. Georgia McClure	75.00
Mrs. Jessie E. Mitchell	30.00
B. M. Carpenter	30.00
Geo. O. Priekett	15.00
W. J. O'Neill	15.00
Eugene Pfaff	3.00
Mrs. F. B. Keiser	3.00
A. F. Bordwell	3.00
Homer L. Dum	7.50
H. D. Pulsifer	3.00
H. D. Chambers	3.00
W. W. Heintz	30.00
George Barton	3.00
J. W. Kingsley	6.00
Carl J. Staiger	15.00
Ernest Dawson	15.00
W. B. Towsley	10.00
L. A. Veroneau	1.00
F. L. Richey	1.00
E. T. Erickson	1.00
L. C. Farrar	1.00
William J. Lehmann	3.00
J. B. Sherman	3.00
B. M. Meritt	6.00
C. R. Briggs	3.00
J. Staiger	3.00
G. E. McCollum	3.00
E. H. Huntington Jr.	30.00
J. Chivers	3.00
Ed. F. Bradley	8.00
Orville A. Stoops	15.00
Charles W. Kolm	15.00
N. J. Perron	36.00
Mrs. A. Stump	15.00
G. R. Earnest	15.00
P. Weinheimer	60.00
R. W. Lewis	6.00
C. H. Staats	15.00

Total \$893.50

It seems as if local people are awakening to the value of the Boy Scout movement. From present indications the Downers Grove quota will be greatly exceeded.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO MEET OCTOBER 21

The next regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the high school assembly hall next Thursday evening, October 21.

Efforts have been made to secure the services of Mrs. Ira Couch Wood, of Chicago, and it is hoped that they will be successful. Mrs. Wood is an ardent advocate of the weights and measures system as applied to school children. It is simply keeping track of the physical condition of the students by noting their gain in weight and height each month. This is being used in the local schools this year.

WHEN SILENCE IS SOMETIMES GOLDEN

The editor is popularly supposed to see everything, hear everything, know everything and publish everything that is going on. But sometimes he doesn't see it—doesn't want to see it—because, being an editor and trained to view all angles of every question, he knows that it is better for the community if he does not see it.

There are many things the editor does not publish because they contain no element of news, are distressing to many innocent people, and their publication could serve no good purpose.

Sometimes the editor is criticised for his forbearance, but at least some of his critics do not stop to remember that possibly the paper is just as forbearing regarding an incident or two of their own lives. There are many things to be considered before putting it in cold type.

A CHALLENGE TO DEBATE ARTICLE TEN OF LEAGUE

Homer S. Dum, Ardent Supporter of Wilson's Internationalism Issues Sweeping Defy.

Dr. Mr. Staats:

In times past, whenever we had a big question of public policy that came up for decision, resort was had to debates, where in the contact of mind against mind—of arguments pro and con—the audiences were not merely entertained in a high degree, but they went away more enlightened, and were thus capable of exercising the franchise with a knowledge of both sides of the subject at issue. Today, while in a sense the speeches in the public press constitute a sort of debate, yet I think we all realize that the tinge of partisanship is such that we think largely according to the party organ we read as the chief part of our mental diet. In other words, the average mortal seems disposed to read only about his own side, and the opposition "can go and hang."

I am sure, therefore, that your readers will be glad to know that at the first meeting of the "Forum," at St. Joseph's Church Hall, after a most interesting discussion on the subject that comes close to home to all of us—the coal question—that by a unanimous vote it was decided to have the next meeting, on the evening of the 29th—the Friday night preceding the election—devoted to a debate on Article X of the League of Nations. The details of same will be worked out at an early date, when I assume that the Rev. Moderator, Dr. Goodwin will favor you with the news as to those who will participate in the Affirmative and the Negative of the proposition, as framed. The point that I wish to bring to your attention, however, is that the popular interest in this momentous question—the greatest undoubtedly that has ever come before an electorate for a decision—is such that a meeting of a similar character should be held in a place that is eminently appropriate for such a discussion—our High School Assembly Hall.

Herewith then you will find a copy of a formal request on the part of some of our representative citizens that the High School building be placed at the disposal of our citizenry for a debate to be held there at an early date, and assuming that the Board of Education will be only glad to favor us in this matter, the writer wishes to issue the following:

CHALLENGE

Namely, on the subject of RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE X IS INDEED THE HEART OF THE COVENANT, AND IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY LEAGUE OR ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS, I am willing to do my part in taking

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ANOTHER GOLF CLUB FOR DU PAGE COUNTY

Two hundred acres of rolling Du Page County farm land, thru which winds Ginger creek, is to be the site of Chicago's newest place to lose a golf ball—the Butterfield Country Club. The grounds are on Canfield road, south of Butterfield road, half way between Villa Park on the third rail interurban and Greggs on the Burlington.

According to John F. Barrett, vice president of the club, a nine hole golf course designed by William Langford, golf architect with the American park builders, will be ready for playing next summer. Later an eighteen hole course will be built.

An average price of \$280 an acre was paid for the site. The first unit of a \$100,000 clubhouse will be a building containing lockers, showers kitchen and dining rooms, and a swimming pool will be built. A motor bus to Villa Park will be operated.

Membership will be limited to 200 and will cost \$500 with dues of \$100 yearly. According to Mr. Barrett, who is a member of the Glen Oak Country club, a number of members from that organization are expected to join the new club. Walter S. Gorton is president; John B. Pease, treasurer, and James Callans, secretary. There are now 100 members.