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ANNUAL MEETING OF SCOUT COUNCIL LAST OF NOVEMBER

Training Course in Scout Leadership Here November 19, 22, 23rd and the 27th.

The growth of the Boy Scout Movement during the last few years is perhaps the best evidence of its efficiency and benefit to boys of scout age. Downers Grove is beginning to assume its proper place in this great movement with other towns along the Burlington. The interest which the citizens of the town take in the movement is gratifying and much appreciated by the officials of the West Suburban Council. This council includes nine towns, of which Downers Grove is one. The council maintains an office and scout executive at Riverside, Ill. The salary of the scout executive and other expenses amount to approximately \$4500.00 per annum. This amount is paid by the different towns, according to what they are able to contribute. The money now being raised in Downers Grove covers a period of three years. \$684.00 of this money will be used to pay for the Boy Scout Camp and equipment at Lake Delevan, and the property will be deeded to the Boy Scout organization of the West Suburban Council. The balance of the funds raised will be called for annually to pay the running expenses of the organization and such expenses of the Boy Scouts of Downers Grove as the local council may vote. All persons of the town who contribute \$1.00 per year or more, or do special work for the organization are entitled to and especially invited to attend all the meetings of the council. The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held the last of this month, probably November 27th. The names of the nominating committee for annual officers will be announced in next week's Reporter.

Training Course.

There are about 200 boys in the Grove of Scout age, who need the leadership and they have a right to have. Of these 200 boys about 40 are Scouts. The other 120 are looking to the men of our town for this leadership and they have a right to expect it. Then too, the three troops that have done so much for the boys of Downers Grove need to be helped. Here is your opportunity. There has been arranged a series of four meetings at the old Congregational Church to be held Nov. 19, 22, 23 and 27, to train men to assist in this work. They are open to all those who will accept this opportunity to be of assistance to the boys of our community. At these meetings it will be shown how every one can do his bit to help.

There is not a man in Downers who has not the time to be of some great help to the Scouts. Every man owes to his community a certain interest in its civic affairs. There is no greater opportunity than in the Boy Scout Organization. We have three troops and room for more. Every Scoutmaster needs and should have the assistance of five to help him. We want real live successful red blooded men for the job. They are here in Downers and should come to the meetings and learn how.

The meetings will be in charge of C. H. Barnes, Scout Executive of the West Suburban Council. He will show how Scouting is a thing that all can do. He recently said, "What Scouting needs in Downers Grove is not necessarily men who know the technical things of Scouting but big men who have made their own businesses successful. Men who are organizers and directors. There are many older Scouts who will help with the technical part of the program." Rev. Mr. Lott of the Methodist Episcopal Conference has been secured as Field Scout Executive for the Stockyards and Central Manufacturing District in Chicago. Mr. Lott is well known in town and his services will be secured in some of the local work.

Mr. Homer S. Dum smiled rather broadly, very naturally, when he received this week a letter direct from the White House in response to one he had written just after the election stating that the President was "deeply touched" by Mr. Dum's warm words of appreciation.

CHURCHES HOLD UNION SERVICE ON TURKEY DAY

Five Denominations Co-Operate for the Annual Observance of Thanksgiving.

Plans were made at the last session of the Pastor's Union to continue the custom of a community observance of Thanksgiving Day by a union service in which the five cooperating churches will unite.

This service will be held in the Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day. It will be limited to a one hour service and will begin promptly at 10:00 a. m. It should be well attended for every one surely can devote one hour to a religious service as an expression of gratitude to God whose mercies have spared life and given peace and prosperity during the past year.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Newland, the new Methodist minister and latest addition to the Pastor's Union, will be the speaker. The Rev. Mr. Steward is in charge of arrangements and will preside at the service.

MANY ATTENDED MILITARY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Memorial Services for Local Dead of Great War Was Attended by Ex-Soldiers.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church was filled to capacity last Sunday morning at a "Military Mass" held to commemorate the memory of the boys from Downers Grove who gave their lives while in the service of humanity during the world war.

The Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, pastor of the church, had invited ex-service men of Downers Grove and the families of the boys to attend this service as it was for all of those who claimed Downers Grove as their home.

Almost a hundred young fellows who had worn the uniform of the army and navy, met at the Legion rooms and led by their colors, presented by the village, they marched to the church.

Doctor Goodwin preached one of the best sermons ever heard in a Downers Grove church.

After reading the roll of the Downers Grove soldiers and sailors who died during the great war he said in part:

We do not hear them answer. But they did answer when, after passing through the valley of death, they stood before their God and said, "Lord, here am I." They died and they live. They live not as empty names, beloved though those names be, in the memory, they live as men who have been released from the clinging and impeding ceremonies of the grave. It is of the living that we think and speak this morning in this consecrated temple of the living God.

Death is Nature's gateway from one form of life to another. Life is the mighty conscious force, struggling ever for more perfect expression, that shatters as it rushes onward and upward. In the mind of man Life finds its ultimate expressive medium on earth, but in the mind of the spirit perfection is found because there

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WILL YOU ACT AS A REPORTER

Is that a funny request? Not at all. Every family in the village should delegate one of their number as "press agent." What is home without a Reporter. One member of the family should make it his, or her, business to see that news items concerning the family were taken every week to The Reporter office for publication in the personal column or as it is more generally known, among the locals. It is impossible for the Reporter staff to get all of these little "locals" without the assistance of our readers. What is everybody's business is nobody's business. Delegate one person to handle your little news items each week. We are always glad to get them. Phone 188-J.

SELECTING HIS TIMBER



ANOTHER DOWNERS GROVE HERO IS ON THE WAY "HOME"

Marshall Statton, Who Died in France, to be Buried at Champaign in Near Future.

Another Downers Grove hero is on his way "home" from the battlefields of France to a resting place in the United States whose service he was in when the last hour dawned.

The body of Marshall Statton, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Statton of No. Forest ave., is enroute from France and is expected in New York in the near future. He will be laid away in the family plot of Mrs. Statton's people at her old home near Champaign.

It is not possible for the local post of the American Legion to take charge of the funeral and it is expected that a Champaign post will be asked to do this. Several members of the Downers Grove post are making plans to be present as representatives of his comrades here. "Marsh" as he was known to his many friends in the village, enlisted in the machine gun company of the old Third Illinois Infantry, later the 129th at Aurora on April 7, 1917, being one of the first of the young men of the village to enlist. He trained with his regiment at Camp Houston, Texas and sailed off "over there" on May 12, 1918.

Going into action for the first time on July 4, 1918, he was with his company in every skirmish and action, never being out of rank a day, until the signing of the armistice on November 11. During all this time he never received a scratch and was in some pretty tight corners.

He was taken sick with influenza and pleurisy and sent to the base hospital on February 19, 1919, while his regiment was in winter quarters in Luxemburg. Here a minor operation was performed and he died from a relapse on May 25, 1919.

Born in Alma, Marion County, Illinois, on March 3, 1895, he lived in Downers Grove for over ten years. The usual Community Memorial services were held upon verification of the notice of death by Downers Grove people.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church will meet on Thursday, Nov. 18th, at 1:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Ed. Graves, 140 Highland avenue. Mrs. Albert Weiss will assist. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend.

SUNDAY MOVIES UNDER BAN SAYS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Passed Ordinance at Meeting Monday Evening Prohibiting "Shows" On Sunday.

At its regular meeting Monday evening the Village Council passed an ordinance prohibiting among other things the showing of movies on Sunday in Downers Grove. The resolution was introduced by Commissioner I. G. Hearty and passed without a dissenting vote.

This action is the result of the Curious Theatre showing moving pictures on Sunday evenings. There was no ordinance on the books of the Village in any way saying these should not be shown but the opening of the theatre brought a storm of protest from the church people of the village and these brought pressure to bear on members of the Board with the above result.

The ordinance prohibits all theatrical shows, amusements and exhibitions for gain, going on to enumerate them. While it includes all kinds of entertainments it hits at the movies only. A penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 is provided as a fine for each and every violation of the ordinance which is printed in full on page seven.

It is thought that the action of the Board will precipitate another referendum in the village. Those who are in favor of Sunday movies have said that if the Board took the action that they have, a petition would be immediately filed asking for a public vote on the question.

The ordinance is supposed to take effect immediately after its passage and publication. As it was passed Monday evening and is published in this week's Reporter it would go into effect immediately. However, under the laws governing cities operating under the Commission Form of Government, if a petition is filed asking that the Council reconsider its action the time is deferred thirty days. If the Council does not reconsider, those who favor Sunday movies can then file a petition asking for a referendum on the subject.

About twenty friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Bensley motored out from Chicago Tuesday, November 9 to help them celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary. Refreshments were served and a general good time was had by all those present.

LEGION ELEVEN PLAYS LA GRANGE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Teams to Clash in Fast Football Game at North Side Field Here at Two-thirty

One of the best football games of the year is expected to be played on the local gridiron next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 when the Legion team meets a strong eleven from LaGrange. This village has always been up and coming in the football field and most of the players that come here Sunday have won their fame as members of winning Lyons Township high school teams.

Local football fans are eagerly awaiting the sounding of the whistle which will send the teams together as they expect that the contest will rival that played with Naperville several weeks ago which went to a nothing-nothing draw.

The game with Naperville last Sunday was called off because of the military funeral here. Downers will journey to Naperville next Sunday, the 21st for a return game with Naperville.

DAIRY DISTRICT HOLSTEIN MEN TO HAVE 14 MEETINGS

Breeders of this Section to Meet At Wheaton Evening of November 16th.

Breeders of pure bred and grade Holstein cattle in the Northern Illinois Dairy District will have the opportunity of attending a series of 14 meetings to discuss breeding, feeding and selling their surplus stock, and how strong organization of all breeders of the State will help in solving these trade problems.

Meetings will be held at— Monday, Nov. 15, 2:00 p. m., Libertyville—Farm Bureau Office; 7:30 p. m., Barrington—Town Hall.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2:00 p. m., Geneva—Court House, Circuit; 7:30 p. m., Wheaton—Court House.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2:00 p. m., Harvard—Manley Motor Co., Sales Room; 7:30 p. m., Woodstock—Court House.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2:00 p. m., Crystal Lake—Hegebein-Miller Fed.; 7:30 p. m., Hebron—Town Hall.

Friday, Nov. 19, 2:00 p. m., Belvidere—Y. M. C. A.; 7:30 p. m., Freeport—City Hall.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2:00 p. m., Rockford; 7:30 p. m., Oregon.

Monday, Nov. 22, 2:00 p. m., Mt. Carroll; 7:30 p. m., Sterling—Commercial Club Rooms.

These meetings are part of a series of thirty-one being held in all parts of the State by the Illinois Holstein Friesian Association in an effort to get every breeder of black and white cattle into the organization. The Illinois Agricultural Association, the State business organization of the County Farm Bureaus, is assisting in the membership campaign. Illinois has 1,000 pure bred Holsteins owned by 1200 breeders and there are several times as many grade Holstein breeders. The main idea of the Association is to improve and set a standard for Illinois Holsteins and to attract the attention of out of State cattle buyers.

Leaders of the Holstein America will speak at these meetings.

THOSE LITTLE ADS PAY

Those who have never used the classified column of The Reporter are always surprised at the results they get when they first start. We have had more than one of the local people express surprise at the number of our readers who follow this department every week. A little thought will convince you that the results are natural. Take your own case, isn't it true that hardly a week passes when you don't read all these little ads? Multiply yourself by 4,000, the approximate number of readers, and you have the reason for the pulling power of Reporter Classified Ads. Try one next week. The cost is small, 85 cents for one week or 75 cents for three, cash in advance.

HENRY BUSCHMAN BURIED AT WEST SIDE CEMETERY

Ex-Service Men Give Last Honors to Comrade Who Died in the Country's Service.

Henry Buschman, one of the Downers Grove boys who answered when his country called, and to the answering gave his life, was buried with military honors at the West Side cemetery last Sunday afternoon.

Alexander Bradley Burns Post of the American Legion took charge of the body on its arrival here from New York and completed all the arrangements for the funeral.

Members of the Legion and ex-service men in general, assembled at the Legion rooms at 1:30. Here under the command of Capt. A. W. Abbott they, with the firing squad furnished by the Government from the regular army, and the Suburban Band they were formed into military formation and marched to the Grove Street Church where the funeral service was read by the Rev. Wm. Grotsfeld, the pastor of the church.

After the short sermon the body was given in charge of the local Legion. The casket, draped in the colors he gave his life for, was carried to the hearse by six of his chums, Gen. and Grant Dicke, Roy Dickson, Chas. Wolf, Franklin Doney and Wm. Graehling, of Hinsdale.

With the band in the lead the firing squad, colors and color guard preceding the hearse with the pall bearers marching on each side and the ex-service men bringing up the rear, the march to the West Side cemetery started.

At the cemetery the casket was borne on the shoulders of the pall bearers to the grave and while it was being lowered to its last resting place the men who had worn the khaki and blue of the army and navy stood at "parade rest." Norman Anderson acting as Chaplain, read the last prayer for the dead and three volleys were fired followed by "taps" on the bugle and another bugle "taps" home.

Hundreds of local people attended the funeral to give their last tribute to a Downers Grove boy who laid down his life on the altar of Liberty.

The United States Government is giving the families of the boys who died the option of saying where their last resting place will be. On the arrival of the bodies in this country they are sent to the place of interment and if so desired a firing squad is furnished from the nearest army or navy post. The firing squad Sunday consisting of a sergeant, a bugler and a squad of men, were from the Sixth Division stationed at Camp Grant.

Henry Buschman was born in York Township August 17, 1895. The second son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buschman, starting school there, his parents moved to Downers Grove and he finished his education in the local school. For seven years he was in the employ of Chas. Baker and during this term of service he came in contact with many people among whom he quickly made friends.

Desiring to get into a branch of the army where he would be sure to see action on May 16, 1918, he enlisted in the Tank Corps and was sent to Camp Colt, Pa., for training. In September with his "unit" he boarded ship for the other side going by way of England. It was during the height of the influenza epidemic and while crossing the Atlantic Sergeant Buschman contracted the dread disease.

Landing at Liverpool he was taken to the Belmont Road Military hospital and there died October 7, 1918. He was buried in an English cemetery and news was not received here of his death, for some unexplainable reason, until December. On Sunday, December 29, 1918, Community Memorial services were held at Main and

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Miss Hazel Angelo of Washington, D. C., where she has a fine position, visited her mother for a few days and returned to Washington on Tuesday. Mrs. Angelo returned to California where she makes her home with her son leaving on Wednesday morning for the west.