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## THANKSGIVING

"Then," said the Pilgrim Fathers, "let us have a great Thanksgiving party to celebrate the plenty of this land. And let it always be observed in future years in honor of a country where no men are slaves; where there is always enough and more for everyone to eat and where no one wants and no one has to work beyond his strength. And on this day let no one go to his toil ever, but let him rest and feast and be merry because he has prospered so wonderfully through the year." Thus spake the first pioneers to settle in New England some 300 years ago, and thus was born the first of our own American national holidays.—THANKSGIVING, which we celebrate Thursday.

### ENGINE CRUSHES B.F. MORGAN AT WORK IN ASHPIT

Death Came Before Medical Aid Could Reach Him—Funeral Services Last Sunday.

Benjamin F. Morgan was fatally injured at the Burlington roundhouse here last Thursday evening while attending to his duties there. For the past two years he has been employed at the roundhouse, part of his duties being the cleaning out of the ashpit at the turntable where the fires from the locomotives are dumped.

While in the performance of this duty last Thursday evening an engine with Engineer Loach at the throttle, backed down to the pit. Mr. Morgan saw it coming and endeavored to climb out of the pit. He was not quick enough to get clear and the engine wheels pinned him to the track. The engineer quickly got down from his cab and ran to the injured man's assistance. Mr. Morgan was still conscious and told him to run the engine off of him. Foreman Wenzel ran the locomotive ahead and they carried Mr. Morgan to the Village light plant.

He passed away before Dr. Worsley, who was called, could reach the place.

The inquest was held last Friday morning and a verdict of accidental death was returned by the Coroners jury.

Benjamin Frisby Morgan was born near Spragueville, Iowa, in 1862. He lived there until 9 years of age when the family moved to Franklin, Neb. At Franklin he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which denomination he was a faithful member until his death.

While a young man he came to Wheaton, Ill., where he attended college.

In 1890 Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Nettie C. Rogers, of Warrenville and to this union six children were born, Ethel, Frances, Ray, Ben, Paul and Olive. All these save Ethel, who has passed away, survive to mourn his loss with their mother and his brother and sister and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held last Sunday, November 14, from the M. E. Church where he had been a regular attendant for so many years. The Rev. Gilbert H. Newland officiated and interment was made in the Warrenville cemetery.

### SONG SERVICE IN S. WESTMONT SCHOOL NOV. 19.

People of the country district surrounding the South Westmont school will gather at the school house this evening for an old fashioned song service and a general good time. Songs will be sung which everyone knows and games and lunch will take up the balance of the evening.

No admission will be charged and everyone is given a cordial invitation to share in the pleasures of the evening. The affair is in the nature of a Thanksgiving Time get-together.

### ENTERTAINED FOR BRIDE AND GROOM LAST SATURDAY

Mrs. Ralph Gaehner and Mrs. W. H. O'Brien Hostesses at a Bunco Party.

Mrs. Ralph Gaehner and Mrs. W. H. O'Brien entertained a party of friends at a bunco party at the home of the former, last Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Covey, of Knob Noster, Mo., who are here on their honeymoon. Mr. Covey is a brother of Mrs. O'Brien.

The house was beautifully decorated in wedding bells and cupid, the color scheme being blue and white.

The prizes were won by Mrs. Covey and Dr. Worsley and the consolation prizes were awarded Mrs. W. J. Staats and Lawrence C. Cox. The bride then entertained at the piano.

The delicious refreshments served were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests and the party was voted a great success. The guests departed at a late hour after extending their good wishes and congratulations to the bride and groom.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames L. C. Cox, E. F. Worsley, B. J. Stevenson, T. E. Brooks, E. I. Dickerson, Charles Covey, W. J. Staats; Mesdames Sadie Gaehner and H. Erle Wright; the Misses Beresford and Ward and Mr. Robert Beresford.

### WEST CHICAGO BLIND PIGGER FOUND GUILTY

Judge Slusser Will Issue Sentence Today—Two Others Wait On Same Charge.

Wm. Hoffman, the West Chicago blind pigger, whose place was raided several weeks ago on orders of Chas. Hadley State's Attorney, came up for trial before Judge Slusser Wednesday and was found guilty.

Prosecutor Hadley has spent considerable time working up a good case against the man and Hoffman was found to have been guilty of all seven counts, that being all there were in the indictment. He will receive his sentence today on them all. Hoffman can be given from \$50 to \$500 fine, or 20 to 60 days in jail, or both, on each count. Attorney Hadley will ask that the prison term be given him with a small fine to serve as a lesson for any others who try to evade the dry laws in this county.

Two other West Chicago men await trial on the same charges.

### RAINING TODAY?

Many people see no further than the mere surface of things. On rainy days they are full of gloom, forgetting that tomorrow may be 100 per cent sunshine. In business, thinking must be more fundamental. Advertising, the power which makes a business grow, should be increased when days are cloudy. In football, when the competing team relaxes its efforts, that is the very time to buck the line.

### MURDERER OF POLICE CHIEF UP FOR LIFE

Sentenced Last Saturday by Judge Slusser for Killing of Harry C. Magers.

Tom Lawson, alias Thomas Smith, who fatally wounded Harry C. Magers, Elmhurst Chief of Police in a pistol duel Saturday evening, October 30th, was sentenced to life imprisonment last Saturday by Circuit Judge M. Slusser.

Lawson and a companion, believed to have been Walter Nicholson, were sticking up Elmhurst citizens late in the evening when the call came for Magers. The chief instantly responded and fearlessly tackled the pair. In the ensuing battle he was wounded by a shot from Lawson's pistol from which he died a few days later at the West Suburban hospital. He was an ex-service man and his efficient work as Chief of Police of Elmhurst caused a "gang" of that neighborhood to swear they would "get" him. They did.

Lawson, knowing the jig was up, immediately after his capture, pleaded guilty at the trial last Saturday and threw himself on the mercy of the court. He was exceedingly lucky in getting away from the death penalty.

### Robinson Case Up Today.

The case of Nolen B. Robinson, discharged sailor and escaped inmate of the Elgin insane asylum, who was found guilty and given the death verdict by a jury in the Circuit Court at Wheaton several weeks ago, comes up today on a motion for a new trial. The American Legion post of Lombard has retained Attorneys Gungul and Allen of Aurora and should the judge deny the motion for a re-trial they will take the matter to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Edward Lacey has gone to New York on a business trip.

### RECEPTION FOR PASTORS, WIVES; AT M. E. CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Phelps and Rev. and Mrs. Newland Given Hand of Fellowship.

On Thursday evening, the ladies of the M. E. Church held a reception in the church parlors, for Rev. and Mrs. Phelps, and Rev. and Mrs. Newland. It being Armistice Day, the decorations were the national color and autumn leaves. Over two hundred guests assembled to give the hand of fellowship to the pastors and their wives.

Music was furnished by the Sunday School orchestra. Charles Roe assisting by leading the community singing. A duet was beautifully rendered by Misses Mildred Potter and Adelaide Walters.

The Chairman for the evening, Mr. R. E. Rassewiler, appropriately introduced the speakers. The address of welcome on behalf of the local Ministerial Association was given by Rev. William Grotefeld. Miss Emma Mills welcomed the new pastor and his wife on behalf of the women of the church; Mr. George B. Heatt on behalf of the Church Board; Rev. John Stewart for the Baptist church and Rev. A. S. Phelps for the Congregational Church. All the speakers made fitting reference to the Day, and a general spirit of good fellowship was shown by all.

During the social hour that followed delicious refreshments were served. Every one present had such a good time that it was a very late hour when they adjourned, wishing the new pastor and his wife a long and happy stay in Downers Grove.

The next meeting of the Catholic Woman's League will be held next Friday afternoon, Nov. 26, at the home of Mrs. Slipicka at Belmont at 2:00 o'clock.

### DOWNERS GROVE COMMUNITY SON-FATHER BANQUET

Boys 11 to 20 and Fathers to Eat in M. E. Church Friday December Third.

A community "Father and Son" banquet will be held in the basement of the Methodist-Episcopal Church the evening of Friday, December 3, under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. committee. The Philathea Class of the church will prepare and serve the meal.

A committee consisting of A. S. Phelps, M. V. Morton, Harry Bryce, J. L. Lehmann and others of the village and W. H. Richie, of Wheaton, County "Y" Secretary met at the Baptist Church Wednesday evening to perfect plans for the big doings.

Every boy 14 to 20 years of age in the village and his father are invited to obtain tickets and attend the affair.

There will be good music and speaking. Prof. C. B. Bowman of Naperville, head of the Young Men's Christian Association work in Du Page County, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Bowman is a fine speaker and will have a message for all.

Tickets for the banquet can be secured from any member of the committee or at Lehmann & Michel's.

### SMALL FIRE AT CO-OPERATIVE STORE CALLS DEPARTMENT

Blaze Extinguished Before Arrival of Firemen—Defective Chimney Again.

A small blaze from a defective chimney at the Co-Operative Store on South Main street, called the department (yesterday). The fire was extinguished before the arrival of the firemen however and it was not necessary to use any water. Prompt work on the part of the store employees probably saved the society a big loss.

The fact that defective chimney caused the blaze should concern every householder in the village. Last winter and the year before there were many such fires here and although little damage was caused except in one instance, it would pay to see that flues are cleaned out and repaired if needed.

### ABOUT A "QUITTER"

John Wanamaker says: "If there is one business on earth that a 'quitter' should leave severely alone, it is advertising." Advertising is the power which creates sales and builds business. The natural time to increase advertising is during what are termed "dull" times. In this way, wise merchants, by using a little extra advertising effort, keep their sales volume up to normal.

### CHURCHES HOLD UNION SERVICES NEXT THURSDAY

Five Denominations Cooperate—Special Thanksgiving Worship in Every Local Church.

Every Downers Grove Church has planned appropriate observance of Thanksgiving Day next Thursday, November 25th.

Five of the local denominations, the Baptist, Methodist - Episcopal, Congregational, First Evangelical and St. Paul's Evangelical, will unite in a Union Thanksgiving Day service. The service will be held in the Baptist Church from ten to eleven in the morning. The Rev. John Stewart presiding. Each of the clergy will have a part in the program the Rev. Gilbert N. Newland preaching his sermon from the text, "The Reasons Americans are Thankful."

The order of service will be as follows:

1. Organ Voluntary—Miss Marion Lower.
2. "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"—Congregation.
3. Invocation—Rev. A. S. Phelps.
4. Selection—Young People's Choir. Miss Gwen Griffiths, Leader.
5. Scripture Lesson—Read by Rev. J. Alfred Nansen.
6. Selection—Male Quartet.
7. Prayer—Rev. Wm. Grotefeld.
8. Selection—Choir.
9. Reading of Thanksgiving Proclamation.
10. Hymn (691) "The God of Harvest Praise"—Congregation.
11. Sermon—"The Reason Americans are Thankful"—Rev. Gilbert N. Newland.
12. Hymn (696)—"America"—Congregation.
13. Benediction.
14. Organ Postlude—Miss Lower.

The custom of the village churches in past years has been that the Thanksgiving Day Union Service should be held in a different church each year and at an hour that seemed to be most acceptable to the people; this custom is being followed this year.

In recognition of the claims of God upon our praise and Thanksgiving for the blessings of the year, this service is appointed and all the people of the community are cordially invited to attend.

### Other Churches.

In other denominations of the village special Thanksgiving services will be held as follows:

- S. Andrew's Episcopal—8:00 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.
- St. Joseph's Catholic—High Mass at 9:30 a. m.
- First Church of Christ, Scientist—Special Services at 11:00 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn entertained a few friends at a bunco party at their home on East Curtiss st., last Saturday evening. Mrs. Lee Beidelman and Mr. Floyd Easton were the prize winners. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames A. Lee Beidelman, Floyd Easton, L. C. Mahoney, E. Gallup and E. Roy Behrel.

### IN PURSUIT OF THE TURKEY

