

The Forum

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SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

To the Editor:

Let us get to bed rock on this subject of Sunday Observance. Moving picture shows, bowling, billiards, baseball and all other legitimate amusements are not bad in themselves, and, therefore, are not bad on Sunday or on Friday morning. The goodness or badness of the amusements is not the question at issue.

Plainly put the question is: After getting good wages for the week's work, after attending shows and enjoying other legitimate amusements for six evenings, isn't it reasonable to spend one day in thanking God for what we have, and for the good time we've had?

Of, course, some may imagine they are self made men and the cash they've got has been earned by themselves alone, and, therefore, there is no need of thanking God, especially since they cannot see Him.

But God is a fact. We owe to Him the living mind that is in us, and that is about all that is worth any thing in us. Common decency suggests that we be thankful for what He has given us. Tradition coming down from Apostolic times has consecrated Sunday a special day of thanksgiving. Tradition also says that the manner of giving thanks on Sunday is by public prayer in church. If the Apostles and early Christians thought that the proper manner, then, considering all they accomplished, it is not the business of us, who have done nothing, to question their decision. We may, indeed, thank God on Sunday while working in the garden or cleaning an automobile, but we are certain no one would thank his boss that way for an increase in pay.

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THOSE SUNDAY MOVIES

I have been given to understand that the Village Board will withdraw the ordinance regarding Sunday movies which they passed last week and will substitute another not quite so sweeping in its character.

The reason for this action is that those interested in Sunday football and baseball in the village are a little afraid that, to quote one of the young fellows, "something is being slipped over on them."

If the ordinance were left as it is there is a possibility that it could be so construed to include the above games in the clause, "An ordinance prohibiting Theatrical Shows, Amusements, and Exhibitions for gain" on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and providing a penalty therefor."

The three words in single quotes are supposed to be the "joker" in the ordinance.

The fact that three members of the present Village Council were unalterably opposed to the repeal of the Sunday baseball ordinance and the fact that they raised the tax to sell cigarettes after the people, in a legal referendum, killed their ordinance, stopping the sale here, makes those in favor of Sunday baseball and football rather suspicious in the present instance.

"FAIR PLAY."

Worthy Beliefs.

I believe in working, not weeping; in boosting, not knocking, and in the pleasure of my job. I believe that a man gets what he goes after, that one deed done today is worth two deeds tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself.—Elbert Hubbard.

Stippling by Clock Work.

The stippling effect which many artists make use of in the working up of their pictures, especially those intended for reproduction, has been heretofore secured by laboriously going over the picture by hand, but the operation has been greatly simplified recently by the English invention of a stippling pen which is operated by a clock work motor. The work is done evenly and quickly.

TWO AUDIENCES APPLAUDED "ON PLYMOUTH ROCK"

Grammar Schools Entertainment, Under Direction of Miss Sheel Was Appreciated.

The Operetta, "On Plymouth Rock," given by the grammar schools in the high school assembly on Monday and Wednesday evenings, was a decided success. The hall was packed to the doors both evenings and the audiences were very appreciative of the efforts of the children.

The selections given by the high orchestra were very well rendered and the people who heard the two solos sung by Miss Winifred Sheel, Supervisor of Music in the schools, and under whose direction the operetta was given, hope to hear more in the future.

The managing of so many children, especially the smaller ones, is a task which Miss Sheel showed she was very capable of handling. Each of the grades, as they made their appearance, showed they had been well trained and were under the control of their leader. It made one feel, "Backward, turn backward, O time in thy flight, let me be a child again just for tonight," is what entered into the mind of one of the spectators.

Each group of children as they appeared in their respective parts of the program, "brought down the house." Autumn leaves, pop corn, girls. The Brownies, the Indians, in all their war paint; the modest little Quaker girls and the Pilgrims; in fact the whole entertainment will linger long in the memory of those present.

The singing of the young folks was especially delightful. In the chorus work their voices seemed to blend as only children's can when they have been well trained.

Trees Valuable to Farmer.

The value of trees on a farm can hardly be overestimated. A principle laid down by wise observers is that 5 per cent of all areas of plains and prairie states should be put into trees. The forest waters the farm. This is a patent fact in all regions where irrigation is practiced; it is not less true in all the rest of the country.

Asbestos.

The earliest use of asbestos was for spinning and weaving, to make incombustible thread and yarn rope and cloth, and this has continued to be the most important use of asbestos ever since the days of the Greeks and Romans. Only the best grades can be used for this purpose, according to the United States geological survey, department of the interior. Thread can now be spun so fine that it will run about 32,000 feet to the pound.

What Next!

A New York man suggests the idea of training apes as bootblacks. That might go in New York, but Boston would never stand for such monkey shames.—Boston Transcript.

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BOOSTERS AND CURTISS STILL TOPPING LEAGUE

American Legion Five Only Two Games Behind Leaders of Big League.

Pitcher's Boosters and the Curtiss Theatre's are still on top of the percentage column in their respective leagues. In the big league the American Legion five is only two games behind the leaders and going strong. In the minors the Curtiss team has quite a lead.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

The "Big" League.

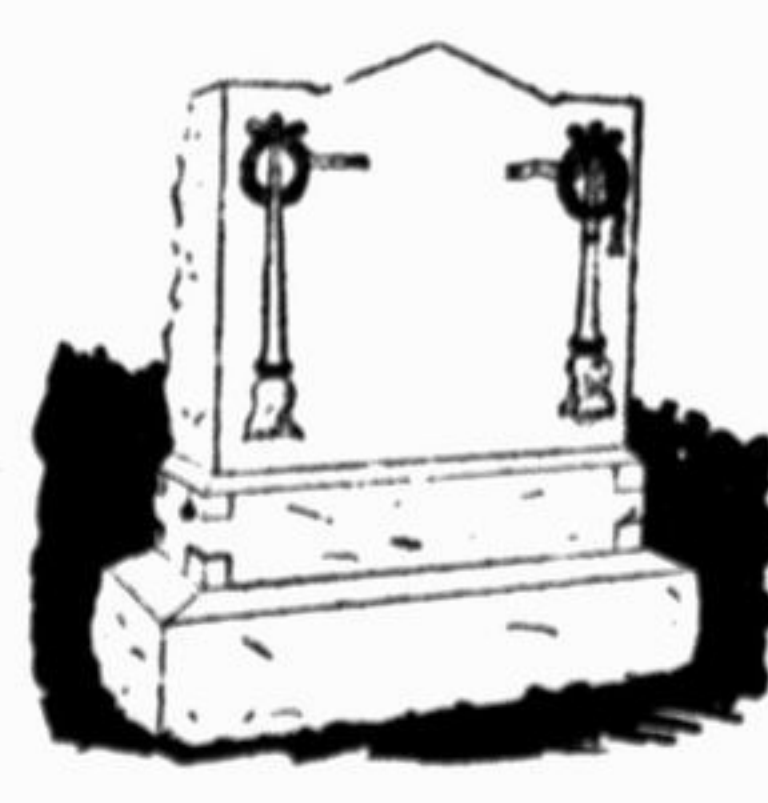
Club	W	L	Pct.
Pitchers Boosters	15	3	.833
American Legion	14	4	.777
Kleins Richelieus	10	8	.556
East Ends	10	8	.556
Dicke Climbers	9	9	.500
Swearingens Pace M.	8	10	.444
Progressive Five	4	14	.222
Mills Printers	2	16	.111

Business Men's League.

Club	W	L	Pct.
Curtiss Theatre	12	3	.800
Puffer Pharmacy	9	6	.570
Clarks Clean Em	9	6	.570
D. G. Reporters	7	8	.467
Dicke Theatre	7	8	.467
Nash Grocery	6	9	.400
Kidwell Garage	6	9	.400
Odd Fellows	5	10	.333

Results last week—Klein's Richelieus took two out of three from the Progressive. East Ends cleaned up three straight from the Mills Printing Co. American Legion blanked Swearingens Pace Makers for three. Pitcher's Boosters dropped one of the three to the Dicke Climbers.

Minor League results this week—Dicke Theatre took two from the Odd Fellows. Clarke's Clean Em captured two from the leaders, Curtiss Theatre. Downers Grove Reporters beat Nash Grocery two. Puffer Pharmacy won two of the three from the Kidwell Garage.



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