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## ROBINSON GETS LIFE TERM AFTER PLEADING GUILTY

Murderer of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown of Wheaton, Sentenced by Judge Slusser.

Judge Slusser late last Friday afternoon sentenced Nolan Robinson to life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. L. C. Brown. Robinson was saved from the noose last week by the setting aside of the jury's verdict sentencing him to death. Robinson, standing before Judge Slusser as he was sentenced, changed not the slightest expression on his face. He remained in the same sullen mood that he has assumed throughout the trial.

A jury of twelve in the circuit court in the morning found, after hearing the testimony of Dr. Krohn of Chicago, Dr. Hinton, Supt. of the Elgin asylum, and Dr. Pollock, a physician at the asylum, Robinson to be sane at this time. No other evidence was introduced, and all three of the witnesses testified that they thought Robinson sane now. County Clerk A. A. Kuhn introduced county records as to the insanity proceedings that sent Robinson to the asylum. He testified that he believed that Robinson was sane.

Immediately following the verdict of the jury which found Robinson to be sane now Attorneys Gansul and Allen, representing Robinson, entered a plea of "guilty" for him. The plea was accepted by the court.

### Granted New Trial.

Robinson was granted a new trial by Judge Slusser Friday, November 12th, the judge setting aside the verdict of the jury which found Robinson guilty and fixed the penalty for his crime at death.

The court ruled that two of the state's contentions at the close of the trial deprived Robinson of his lawful rights of the presumption of insanity. One of the prosecution's arguments was to the effect that every man is presumed to be sane and another was that the evidence introduced that Robinson had been adjudged insane and committed to the asylum must not necessarily be taken as a presumption that he was insane at the time he committed the murder.

It was late at night that Robinson armed with an iron bar entered the home of his wife's parents and beat them, his wife, and his infant daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Brown survived the beating but a few days and it was for the murder of the latter that he was tried.

## CARL F. BUNGE

Carl F. Bunge, who would have been ninety-one years old next March, died early last Saturday morning at the home of his son, G. H. Bunge in Highland avenue. Short funeral services were held at the home last Sunday morning, the Rev. Wm. Grotefeld, of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, officiating and the remains taken to his old home, Kewaunee. Funeral services were held on Monday in the Lutheran church there and burial was made in the Brandenburg cemetery at that place.

Mr. Bunge was born March 20, 1830, in Melzow Province, Brandenburg, Prussia. In 1852 he was married to Miss Christine Fraude and in June 1872 they came to America settling on a farm in Henry County near Kewaunee. There they lived for fifteen years, moving to Nebraska in 1887 where Mr. Bunge farmed until 1899 when he came to Downers Grove to live with his children.

In 1908 his wife passed away and since that time Mr. Bunge has made his home with his son.

Ten children were born to them, four boys and six girls, four of whom have passed beyond. The remaining children are Mrs. Louise DeWitt of Kewaunee, Mrs. Hattie Bitney and Fred and Charles Bunge of Neligh, Nebraska, G. H. Bunge of Downers and E. E. Bunge of Maywood.

Beside his children, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren are left to mourn his loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Venard of Oakwood avenue, entertained a large party of relatives at Thanksgiving dinner.

## WOMAN'S GUILD ENJOYS SUPPER AT S. ANDREW'S

Church Finance Committee Gives Dinner in Appreciation of Good Work

Members of the Womans Guild of S. Andrews Episcopal church and their escorts greatly enjoyed a complimentary dinner given them Tuesday evening in the church parlors by members of the Finance Committee. The dinner was given in appreciation of the hard work done by the Guild members before, during and after the big bazaar the proceeds of which have been given by the women to the Rectory building fund.

The finance committee members, dressed in regulation cook's caps, jackets and aprons, served the tempting viands to the guests. The menu consisting of shredded chicken, patties, mashed potatoes, green peas, rolls, pickles, coffee, ice cream and wafers, was greatly enjoyed.

Following the supper the Rev. H. M. MacWhorter, pastor of the church, gave the reason for the occasion and told of the gradual growth of the work done by the various departments of the church in the past three years.

An impromptu musical program, in which the waiters and cooks took an unexpected part, closed the evening.

Miss Zita Norpell entertained both on the piano and with her remarkably fine voice. Messrs King and Coleman rendered solos which were very much appreciated and Mr. MacWhorter entering into the spirit of the occasion, tuned up his violin and helped in the entertaining. After his first number he was presented with several tokens of appreciation.

## MAYWOOD MASONS ENTERTAINED BY GROVE CHAPTER

Supper at Six, Talks, Smokes, Followed by Degree Work by Visitors

Last Saturday evening, November 27th, will long be remembered by local Royal Arch masons as one of the loveliest evenings of Grove Chapter No. 230. The occasion was the presence and efficient work of the officers of Maywood Chapter No. 234.

Excellent High Priest Hines, with his coterie of officers, took charge of the degree and their splendid work evoked a well deserved praise from all those present.

The Chapter was called to order at six o'clock by E. L. Dickerson, E. H. P. of Grove Chapter, and immediately adjourned for refreshments to the dining room below. The supper had been prepared and was served by the ladies of the Philathea Class of the M. E. church and was certainly enjoyed.

Following the supper several talks were given by visiting Companions and an excellent one by A. R. Snow, while the men enjoyed a fragrant Havana. They then returned to the room whence they came and the evening was finished in peace and harmony.

Others present besides the Maywood visitors were Goudge and Reed of Naperville, Greene of Indianapolis and Kirchoffer of the Wiley M. Egan Chapter in Chicago.

The family of Mr. Marcus Hitch wishes to announce the marriage of their father to Miss Mary E. Brooks on Thanksgiving Day.

## QUIT KICKING—TRY CLIMBING

Jellyfish are left on the rocks when the tide goes out. No doubt they complain of adverse conditions. They cannot adjust themselves to the situation.

The period of reckless buying, on the part of the public, may be over. But business men who know how to adjust their enterprises to changing conditions know that business is still to be had and that newspaper advertising will help get it.

Climb—Don't kick!

## Our Annual Christmas Edition to be Published Next Friday

Next Friday, December 10th, we will publish the annual Christmas Edition of The Reporter.

This year we expect to make it a sixteen page paper, replete with features which express the real spirit of the season and one which will be in keeping with the special editions we have issued in the past.

Each pastor of the village has been asked to write a special message reflecting his thoughts on the time of the year we are rapidly approaching. In the past these Christmas "Sermonettes" have been one of the most eagerly read parts of the Yuletide number and we predict that this year will be no exception.

Much time and thought have been already expended to make this number one of the best ever issued in Downers Grove. There will be Christmas stories; Suggestions for home-made gifts; Lists of presents for "Him" and "Her;" Pictures for children from four to forty and a front page in colors. It will be an edition worth watching for.

Finally—there will be Christmas advertising. Just how much we do not know at the present writing. Local merchants are awakening more and more to the value of newspaper advertising. In an issue such as this, advertising is read as eagerly, if not more so, than the regular news and features. It stands to reason that this is so. Everyone, young and old, rich and poor, remembers some one at the Yuletide season. They are receptive at this time as at no other, to suggestions and ideas.

Those whom we have not personally seen who wish to take space in next week's number for advertising, should make arrangements at once. All ad copy must be in the office by nine o'clock Monday morning, December 6th, to insure insertion in the Christmas number.



## THANK OFFERING DINNER AT CONG. CHURCH NOV. 26TH

Ladies Missionary Society Entertained Members and Friends of the Congregation.

Last Friday evening the Congregational Ladies Missionary Society entertained the members and friends of the congregation at a Thank Offering dinner in the church parlors.

About one hundred guests partook of a bountiful meal served by the Ladies after which an interesting program was given. Mrs. Teale gave a talk setting forth the aims of the Society. Music was furnished by the church orchestra, and a playlet by six young ladies given under the direction of Mrs. Feasley, was very much enjoyed by all present. After which a splendid address was given by Miss Hardy who has recently returned from Turkey. Miss Hardy teaches music in a girl's college in that country, her work being principally among the Armenians. She has been there during all the recent troubles of those down-trodden people. Her talk was very inspiring and made everyone present feel very thankful that they lived in a Christian country. The Thank Offering amounted to \$70.00 which will go to the benevolence fund of the church.

## GREAT EVENING FOR FRIENDS—PARENTS OF SCOUTS

Marcus the Great and Former Aviator on Interesting Program Tues.

Tuesday evening the local council of the Boy Scouts of America will furnish an evenings entertainment for the parents and friends of the local Scouts to be held at the High School gymnasium at seven thirty p. m.

The evenings program is to be under the supervision of Mr. H. S. Paine of local renown and Mr. C. H. Barnes, District Scout Executive.

Among other members, "Marcus the Great" will be present to demonstrate the latest "Mystic Magic." Mr. E. H. Greist, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 1 of Hinsdale, who served for nineteen months as flight commander in the U. S. Aviation Squadron in France will also be present and will deliver a short lecture, telling of his experiences while there. He will also show a series of lantern slides taken while in service.

The rest of the evenings entertainment will be in charge of Troops Nos. One, Two and Three and a full evening is to be had by all.

Come! And find out what Scouting means to the boys of Downers Grove.

## REBEKAH'S TO INITIATE LARGE CLASS DEC. 7TH

Crack Aurora Team Asked to Confer Degree—Membership Increased Nearly 30 Per Cent.

Tuesday evening, December 7th, is to be a gala night for Bluebird Rebekah Lodge No. 147, I. O. O. F. Thirty candidates, men and women, will be initiated into the local lodge, increasing their membership by almost fifty per cent.

The work is to be performed by the Degree Staff of Minnehaha Lodge of Aurora, said to be the best drilled team in the state and the same staff which conferred the work last June when the lodge was instituted. The work left such a lasting impression that the members decided to give the candidates the best obtainable.

Although the local staff is hard at work with a staff the amount of work to be accomplished in perfecting itself and the short time in which to do so, made it impossible for them to confer the degree.

After the work luncheon will be served in the dining room and it is expected that nearly 150 will partake of the repast.

Bluebird Lodge has sure made a wonderful gain in the short space of six months since its inception. Starting with sixty-seven members on the charter it will now be increased to nearly one hundred. It is rather a coincidence that on December 7th the Rebekah's will have ninety-seven members and on December 11th the brother lodge, the Odd Fellows, will celebrate their "100" member night.

## COUNTY YOUTH TO HOLD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Downers Grove to Entertain Sunday School Workers at All Day Session December 11.

Programs are just off the press for a leadership training conference to be held at Downers Grove on December 11, 1920, for the benefit of the young people of DuPage County. Delegates are to be sent from the Sunday School classes, young people's societies, and high school clubs for the purpose of definite training in these various forms of church work and activity.

Scheduled on the program are such speakers as Dr. Albert E. Gage of Chicago, Dr. Gustav E. Kimmel of Naperville, Lyell Rader, the well known chemist of Chicago, Rev. Morgan Williams of Lombard, Wm. F. Pellam of Glen Ellyn and Mrs. R. Fekvall of Wheaton.

In the morning, "Group Responsibilities" will be presented and discussed in separate conferences of the boys and girls in the Baptist and Evangelical churches. In the afternoon "Personal Responsibilities" will be handled in the same manner. At 3:30 a new plan of personal work will be presented by A. N. Nims, a department manager of Carson, Pirie & Scott, whole sale department, Chicago.

The evening session will be a banquet in the Methodist church with C. B. Bowman, chairman of the County Y. M. C. A. as toastmaster, and the final message of the conference will be given.

Mrs. Wallace Eager returned from the Presbyterian hospital Wednesday.

## TRY CLIMBING—WITH ADVERTISING

Some people can see trouble with their eyes shut.

Others never shut their eyes to the opportunities that come every day.

Newspaper advertising—always important—takes on an added usefulness when there is special need for creating quick sales and rapid turn-over.

Kicking won't climb a tree—try climbing—with advertising.

The best medium is the local newspaper.

## EVANSTON AND HINSDALE LOST TO LOCAL TEAM

Legion Eleven Cleans Up Thanksgiving Day Morning and Sunday Afternoon.

Playing great football the local American Legion eleven won the last two games of the season, Thanksgiving morning from the Hinsdale team on their gridiron and last Sunday afternoon from Evanston on the local field.

Invading Hinsdale Thanksgiving morning the team won handily by a 30 to 0 score. As the locals had lost but one game and Hinsdale had gone thru the season undefeated, it was thought beforehand that a battle royal would be staged. The playing of Hinsdale was a disappointment. As the score shows the opposition they put up to the driving of the locals was almost nil.

Hinsdale appeared to be beaten before the first period was over. Moles were opened in their line while the ends seemed to be hopelessly blocked on plays directed around them. The outstanding players on the team were Walter Busch and Newell Beatty. The latter had been injured before the season opened and in spite of this fact played a great game while he was in the lineup. He would manage to get into plays and stop them when they were around the end farthest from his position.

Downers scored first in the opening quarter when Grush carried the ball over the line for six points after the team had marched down the field in a succession of line plunges, end runs and forward passes. Curtiss kicked goal making the balance sheet 7-0.

At the opening of the second quarter Beatty took the pigskin with such a burst of speed that he was clear of the secondary defense and on the way to the goal before the crowd knew what had happened. Cline was the only local player between the runner and a touchdown. He made a beautiful smashing tackle bringing Beatty down after a thirty yard run and so injuring him that he was forced to retire from the field. Hinsdale players were tiring fast at the hard hitting of the locals but no scoring was accomplished in this period.

During the third quarter Downers scored three point after Rogers heeled a punt on Hinsdale's forty yard line on De-troitz's punt from the shadow of the goal post. This entitled Downers to a free kick (Continued on Page 6)

## NOTES OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The musical program for the general meeting of the Downers Grove Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 1st, was one of the most interesting of the year. The three artists have had the best of training having earned an enviable reputation in the musical world. The vocalist, Olive June Lacey, has a beautiful voice of unusual quality and range. The reader, Kate Pentzer Stokes, charmed the audience with her marvelous ability and the pianist, Mrs. Corinne Welby Heister is also a first class artist. The trio gave an entertainment such as one seldom has the opportunity of enjoying in one short afternoon.

The Philanthropy Department will hold a meeting at 2 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8th, to make preparations for Christmas. All members who signified their wish to come into the department are requested to come and bring their needles and any clothing they may have for distribution.

## BEG YOUR PARDON

In last week's issue we said that the election for the probable establishment of two new Community High School districts was to be held last Saturday. Our mistake entirely. The elections are to be held tomorrow.

Will the lady who left a package on the Burlington train that leaves Chicago at 1:50 (Thursday, Nov. 18) write to F. C. Haas, 442 Lafayette street, Aurora, Ill