

RACE IN BOWLING LEAGUE IS CLOSE TEAMS BUNCHED

East Ends and American Legion are Crowding Leaders who are Two Games Ahead.

The Downers Grove Bowling League is developing into a pretty race with three teams bunched at the top and the rest trailing.

Klein's Richelieus are fourth with three postponed games to be rolled and if they win the three will be right up in the running.

Following are the team standings and results of last week:

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., Nov. 29, 1920 Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bender, Haller and Heartt. Commissioner Bryce absent. Came in later.

Minutes of the meeting of November 22, 1920, were read and Commissioner Heartt moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Heartt, Bender, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

An ordinance amending Section 3 of Chapter III of the revised General Ordinances of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, as revised and passed by the President and Board of Trustees of said Village on the 27th day of April A. D. 1911, was presented by petition and moved for its passage. On roll call Commissioners Heartt, Haller, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Commissioner Bender voted Nay. Motion lost.

Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date December 6th, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heartt, Bender, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried. Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

THE GOLDEN EGG

By Cecile Langdon

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ANTIA CLAUS was expected to arrive in prodigious grandeur around Helmsby Corner. The name applied to a block of tenements a good deal above squalor and the general unsightliness of the slums, although its population mainly represented poor, while thrifty people. The men were hard working and sober, the women industrious and rarely slatternly. In fact, old John Helmsby, who owned the square of buildings, had selected a reputable clientele as to tenantry, and in lower circles Helmsby Corner held a certain air of aristocracy.

Ivan Vidal was a decided institution of the place. Old residents could remember him back for ten years. He was a little, bright-eyed man whose constant smile and eager, friendly ways scattered sunshine.

"I have to work hard. I have a big family, you know," Ivan delighted to tell strangers and new friends. And then he would count on his fingers.



"Grandpa, Grandma, and the five little children," and the twilight would come into his eyes as he enumerated them specifically: "Rebecca, Rachel, Ruth, Jacob and Levi."

But the big family did not entirely represent kith and kin of the generous-hearted fellow who had come from his home across the water with a wife, to lose her in a year, and to have her aged father and mother, neither now fit for hard work, as pensioners upon his bounty. How gladly and unselfishly this was awarded, the uniform willing kindness and care of Ivan manifested to all the world. He did not earn much and their quarters were confined, but not only did he manage to make the old people comfortable, but when a close friend, a widower, died, Ivan adopted his five little ones.

"I have none; they shall be as my own," he pledged himself, and never failed in the sacred pledge. Ivan was a peddler of pins, needles, yarn, and hose.

An incident occurred about six months before Christmas that gave Ivan a secret to keep, but the result of which he did not experience until later. One day quite a distance from the city, seated eating his humble lunch on the veranda of a road house he overheard two men talking. They mentioned a name that caused Ivan to prick up his ears. It was that of Alma Helmsby, the daughter of his wealthy landlord. Ivan was quick witted, pieced together the facts named, and comprehended that one of the men expected to have Miss Helmsby meet him soon in her automobile and they were to elope. Enough was gleaned by Ivan to confirm the fact that the fellow was a merciless scoundrel already married, and only after the money of the rich heiress.

It was by pure circumstance that an hour later Ivan came upon Miss Helmsby in her automobile. In his



lame, but convincing way he told her of the true character of her fiance. She believed him, and pale and in tears returned home, offering him money for his service, which Ivan refused, and imploring him to keep the entire matter secret.

Ivan had forgotten all about this incident as time passed on. It was nearing holiday time when he came home from one of his trips with a bag full of farm plunder for the little ones and a great fat white goose. It was to signalize their Christmas dinner and was an object of immense interest to the expectant children. Little Levi had set some hay under the fowl, "to lay an egg on," he put it, and the spirit of the season infected all hands.

Then a queer thing happened. John Helmsby dropped in several times during the week. He evinced a new and mysterious interest in his poor tenant. Then, just a day before Christmas, he brought his daughter with him. Mr. Helmsby had been told all about the goose and the expectant egg, and his daughter had to be shown the prized fowl by little Levi.

She gave Ivan an intense look as she departed, and the honest peddler was mystified just then. Not later, however, on Christmas morning, when Levi burst into the room excitedly with the incredible announcement: "Oh, father, father, the goose has laid a golden egg!"

And there in his hand was the evidence—a gilded papier-mache egg, and inside of it was found two \$1,000 bills, Ivan Vidal's reward for saving a young girl from a lifetime of misery, and keeping his knowledge a secret.

The poor, honest fellow wept for joy as he realized how much the great gift meant to himself and those he loved upon that blessed, happy Christmas morn.

AND TO THIS WE ADD A VERY FER- ENT, "A MEN"

Discontinuance of Railway Mail Service—Not Local Post Office—is Responsible for Delays.

What is the matter with the mail service as it pertains to LaGrange and the towns along the Burlington line between Chicago and Downers Grove? This question is often asked by some residents. Why have we no inter communication by mail with residents in the towns east and west?

The answer is—we have no railway mail service. All of the mail sent from LaGrange, regardless of direction to be sent, and most all mail received, must pass through the Chicago post office.

Prior to the summer of 1918 a splendid local mail service was in effect, with a frequency of three round trips each week day between Chicago and Downers Grove, making all station stops and exchanging mail with all postoffices between those points. The service was discontinued by the Post Office Department without consulting any of the post masters concerned.

It was said at the time it was a war measure and so the public put up with the inconvenience with as much patience as possible.

Here's hoping that the new administration will recognize that the war is over and restore this convenient and necessary service. — From the LaGrange Citizen.

TRAIN HITS TRUCK

Lucky Escape for Drivers as Auto Hits the Ditch—A Few Cuts Only Injuries.

Joe Levine and Frank Suco of Chicago, very luckily escaped with their lives on Wednesday afternoon when the auto truck in which they were riding was struck on the Maple ave. crossing by the 4:07 train.

The truck was thrown into the ditch and both men flew out as it left the road. Levine had an artery cut in his left thumb and his arm bruised. The wounds were attended to by Dr. Puffer. The other man escaped almost unscathed.

GUSTIN — RICHARDSON

On Thanksgiving eve, Miss Inez Louise Gustin and Mr. Douglas Richardson were married at St. Simon Episcopal Church in Chicago. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Gustin of Chicago, formerly of the Grove. She was attired in a brown tricot dress and a brown hat and wore a corsage bouquet of sweetheart roses and lilies of the valley.

Mr. John Gustin, brother of the bride and Miss Muriel Richardson, sister of the groom served as witnesses.

After the service, a reception was held at the home of the bride for the immediate relatives and for the sorority of which the bride is a member.

The guests from the Grove were the Messers and Mesdames Fred Kettering, Jay Allison, Earl Prince, L. C. Farrar, Herbert McLaurey and the Misses Martha and Gloria Farrar, Grace Peterson, Marie and Alice Olsen, Lois Bear and Dell Winter.

JUST PARAGRAPHS

Yes, But Who's Got a Rich Uncle They Don't Want.

We have just finished reading in an exchange the remarkable story of a country newspaper editor who, at middle life is today living on the fat of the land.

This man started poor 20 years ago. He has now \$50,000, and has retired.

How did he do it? The reasons are plain. He did not take it easy. He acquired his \$50,000 by ceaseless energy, by strict economy, by conscientious efforts to give his advertisers and subscribers full value, by indomitable perseverance, and by the will of an uncle who left him heir to \$49,999.50.

We had planned on leaving the first of December for Honolulu, but gee, who wants to leave Illinois this kind of weather.

This may bring snow tomorrow.

Can We Doubt It?

We heard a story the other day about an editor having to be carried home on a stretcher as the result of having received a kind word over something he had printed. The shock simply unnerved him. But just as he reached home some one gave him a good cussing about another article he had printed, and he got up and returned to work.—Jefferson County Republican.

COMMUNITY HIGH PROJECT CARRIES NORTH OF GROVE

Bonaparte School District Votes Favor New High School—South Loses.

Community high school elections held last Saturday evening resulted in the defeat of the so-called Lisle community high school proposition by a vote of 62 for to 65 against, and the establishment of the so-called Bonaparte community high school by a vote of 64 for to 29 against.

The Bonaparte district is north of Downers Grove and the Lisle is south and west.

Following the directions of the law where a community high school territory has been established, the election for the board of education of the Bonaparte district will be held on the evening of the 30th of December. This board will consist of five members. Candidates must file petitions, signed by ten per cent of the legal voters of the high school territory, not later than December 20th or ten days before the date of the election. If there are no candidates by petition, a blank ballot will be provided upon which the voters may designate their choice. The above petitions must be filed at the office of the County Supt. of schools.

The question is often asked as to what is the relation of the County Supt. of Schools towards community high school projects. All such plans so far, within DuPage County, have originated with boards of education or with those who are interested in the formation of such high school territory. These persons draw up the petition, which states the extent and bounds of the proposed high school territory, then circulate it for the required signatures and file it in the office of the County Supt. of Schools. The law compels the Supt. to call an election upon the presentation of such a petition. During these proceedings the Supt. may advise as to the legal requirements they present the advantages or disadvantages of such a contemplated school, but he is not to direct the campaign or be active for or against the proposition. Since appeals may be taken to the ex-officio board and since the Co. Supt. of a member of this board it would be unwise for him to be associated with any kind of propaganda for the cause. And the Supt. would request

that no one quote him as being for or against the proposition unless his written consent is given. The Supt. is in favor of community high schools and the consolidation of schools, but there is a difference between this and his being for or against some particular community high school project or consolidation. Anyone desiring any information relative to community high schools or consolidations may address the office of the County Superintendent of Schools at Wheaton.

AUTO LAW FATHER GETS COVETED NO. 1 LICENSE PLATE

Sidney Gorman of La Grange, Author of Motor Statutes, Again Wins Coveted Numeral.

Sidney Gorman, 436 Stone avenue, La Grange, has again obtained the much coveted automobile license No. 1. As the father of the Illinois Auto Law, it is his undisputed right, and so Secretary Louis Emmerson assigned him number 1, over which so many have puzzled their heads as to its ownership.

Contrary to general belief it is the State of Ohio which carried off first honors as to the number of licenses issued last year, while Illinois ranked second and New York a close third.

The new license plates are black with white numerals; therefore easily discerned from a distance.

Mr. Emmerson believes that from all indications Illinois registration for 1921 will exceed 600,000. Early preparations are made to issue at least 10,000 licenses during the first weeks of the new year.

Applicants are fighting shy of the number 13 or its multiple, while many ask for a combination. Number 13 assigned to Dewitt Montgomery of Springfield will again go to its lucky owner.

Number 7 has again been requested by Lieut. Gov. John G. Oglesby, and number 100 has been sought again by former secretary of state, C. J. Doyle, now of Springfield.

Strange requests for numbers are pouring into the license bureau, while some fancy their telephone number. One brakeman asked for the number of his caboose. He evidently prefers riding systematically. — LaGrange Citizen.

ENTERTAIN AT DOUBLE BIRTH-DAY GATHERING

French Class Surprises Teachers, Miss Lydia Sprecher With Candy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lynch entertained at a dinner party for Miss Lydia Sprecher and Miss Helen Lewis. The occasion being a double birthday, Miss Sprecher and Miss Lynch celebrated their birthdays on December first, although they celebrated though many years separated. After the dinner party twelve of Miss Sprecher's French students surprised her, not only with their presence but also with a five pound box of candy.

Those present were Hazel Miley, Antoinette Smith, Margaret Smith, Geraldine Lacey, Florida Waples, Lurabel Sherman, June Beidelman, and Eleanor Wheeler. Refreshments were served including two birthday cakes with ornaments and candles. The guests departed at a very late hour assuring the host and hostess of an exceptionally good time.

LACE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wachter have returned from their trip to Nebraska where they spent several weeks with relatives.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Burmeister, Friday, December 3, a boy.

Elmer Mandel, who has been working on a farm in Iowa during the past year, has returned home.

Miss Clara Munson of Hinsdale, and Mr. Elmer Eichhorst of Lacey, were married at the Lacey parsonage on Wednesday afternoon, November 24th, 1920.

Miss Malinda Andermann entertained the Lace League Sunday evening. After a short business meeting, the evening was spent in a social manner. The League, which is but a half year old, is growing rapidly, several new members were taken up Sunday evening. Forty young people were present at this meeting. After a most enjoyable social evening the young people left for home at a late hour.

Advertisement for Morris Shoe Store. Features illustrations of shoes and text: 'Footwear as Gifts Sure to be Appreciated--Because Practical', 'Special Christmas Gift TO OUR CUSTOMERS', 'We reduce all our shoes from 50c to \$3.50 a pair. These are real reductions, meaning actual losses to us, based on replacement values. If you need shoes for anyone in the family, you can buy now cheaper than for some time to come.', 'Buy early--while selections are at their best.', 'SHOES -- RUBBERS -- ARCTICS -- RUBBER BOOTS -- and LEGGINGS SPATS -- SLIPPERS -- KNITTED SOX -- FELT BOOTS POLISH SETS--POLISH OF ALL KINDS FOOT COMFORT SPECIALTIES', 'Morris Shoe Store 32 South Main Street Downers Grove, Ill.'