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WHOLE NO.

PLANS COMPLETED TO SECURE FUNDS FOR HUNGRY TOTS

Village Organized to Secure Quota for Relief of Starving Europeans.

Downers Grove people next week will be again asked to subscribe for a worthy cause. Organization of the village in an effort to secure the quota was started at a meeting at the Kindergarten Monday evening, called by Mrs. M. H. Prince, who is chairman of the drive in Downers Grove. Those present and the assignments given them are listed below:

Mrs. Minnie H. Prince—Gen. Chair. Mr. Brian Carpenter—Secretary. Mr. Walter J. Staats—Publicity. Rev. Wm. Grotefeld—Ministerial. Miss Grace Stover—Chair. 1 Ward. Mr. R. E. Bateman—Chair. 2 Ward. Mr. E. J. Matson—Chair. 3 Ward. Mrs. M. E. Coleman—4th Ward. Others to serve are: Mr. Walter Curtis—Treasurer. Mrs. Elisha Morgan and Mrs. A. Leq Beidelman—Schools Com. The Ward Chairmen have the task of perfecting their separate organizations this week as the solicitation will be done next week, between January 16th and 22nd. A house to house canvass, similar to those so familiar to local people in connection with the many war drives, will be followed. Those who have been asked to do the actual canvassing are to meet at Library Hall at 8:00 o'clock this evening when the plans will be fully gone over. There will be a speaker from the Illinois headquarters in Chicago and it is expected that this meeting will so enthrall the solicitors that they will be prepared to go out next week and secure pledges enough to feed many of the little ones of the devastated countries of Europe.

FIRE TRUCK FUND TO BENEFIT FROM RAFFLE OF AUTO

Ford Touring Car to be Raffle Off to Help Pay for Modern Fire Apparatus.

Tickets are now being made ready for the raffling off of a Ford touring car by the Downers Grove Volunteer Fire Department for the benefit of the Auto Fire Truck Fund. The tickets are to be one dollar each and the proceeds are to be applied on the purchase price of the truck to augment the private subscriptions. Members of the American Legion promised to help in disposing of tickets. The cost of the truck is \$8,500. To this amount has been raised a little more than \$4,000 by subscription. Chief Henry Dicke is confident that enough of the raffle tickets will be disposed of to almost clean up this balance.

TO SPEAK AT P.-T. ASS'N. MEETING ON VISUAL EDUCATION

Dr. F. R. Moulton of University of Chicago, to Discuss Live Subject Jan. 20.

Coincidental with the gift of a moving picture machine to the schools by Mr. Homer Dum comes an announcement from the Parent-Teachers Association that its program on next Thursday night will be devoted to the subject of the part the films can and do play in education. The speaker will be a representative of the Society for the Promotion of Visual Education, probably Dr. F. R. Moulton of the University of Chicago. This society is national in scope and its work has been so successful that the movie has become a part of the regular equipment in numerous school systems. The affair therefore, should be of especial interest to Downers Grove parents and teachers, all of whom are invited by the association to hear the lecture. The Society for the Promotion of Visual Education has promised Miss Lucretia Morse, who obtained their services, that the talk will be illustrated and it is altogether probable that the new machine given my Mr. Dum will be ready for use that night. Visual education has been extended to practically all common school subjects and its possibilities have not yet been pushed to their limit. Such subjects as geography, history and natural sciences are readily covered by films and they have also been found useful in illustrating vividly to pupils the proper method of writing and drawing. The Society works by renting films and by selling or renting projecting machines. The demonstration of January 20 will be held in the high school assembly room at 8:00 p. m.

LAST CHANCE TO HEAR DR. DENT SUNDAY

Evangelist at Baptist Church Holding Very Successful Meetings.

An increase in attendance and interest at the special meetings in the Baptist Church has been noticeable during the past week, until they reached flood-tide last Sunday, when twelve people made a public profession of faith in Christ. Eight others previously made this important decision and several have done so since. Church members have been edified by the inspiring and helpful messages of Evangelist Dent. He has been ably supported along musical lines by home talent in the way of vocal solos, duets, quartets whistling solos, and an orchestra. Sunday will be the last opportunity for the public to hear Dr. Dent in these special meetings. He will speak in the morning upon, "A Growing Church," and in the evening upon, "The Supreme Sacrifice."

The Missionary Meeting of the Women's Society of the Baptist church, will meet Thursday afternoon, January 20th, at the home of Mrs. F. A. McAllister, Mrs. A. Mueller assisting. The topic for the afternoon will be "The Indian" and will be led by Mrs. Stewart.

NEVER MISS AN ADVERTISEMENT

While reading the doings of the community in your home paper each week never fail to also read all the ads. There are many times when you will save yourself money by careful perusal of The Reporter display ads. When buying anything in a local store which you saw advertised in The Reporter never be a bit bashful about telling the clerk who waits on you that it was the advertising which made the sale. Of course, you know it, we know it, and the merchant also knows it, but he hates like the dickens to admit it (that is some of them do). If you will remember to say "I saw this advertised in The Reporter," it will not only help us, but eventually you, because as the store keeps see that their offerings are read they will offer more at better prices. There is a cer psychology about this which never fails.

AN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THIEF



RELIGIOUS EDITORSHIP OF THE REPORTER ACCEPTED BY A. S. PHELPS, CONGO. PASTOR

Every Denomination in the Village Asked to Cooperate by Reporting Church and Sunday School Activities Having News Value.

The Rev. Arthur S. Phelps, pastor of the Congregational Church, has accepted the Religious Editorship of The Reporter and starts on his new duties with this issue. Every denomination of the village has been asked to cooperate in the reporting of the church and Sunday School activities having news value. No one organization will be given the preference but all will receive the same treatment. Mr. Phelps, by his experience and training, is admirably fitted for the task. Starting in the Methodist ministry in Wisconsin, he has been identified with every branch of church work. He left the regular ministry to be the "man ahead" of an evangelist after having served as pastor in a number of Wisconsin cities. The "man ahead" is the publicity director or press agent and the success of the big union tabernacle meetings hangs directly on the impetus given them by the publicity which this man is responsible for. For two years Mr. Phelps acted in this capacity and then entered the evangelistic field himself. The contact with hundreds of ministers and with thousands of laymen which he enjoyed while in this field, and the experience gained while on the publicity end, makes him more fitted for the work that he has accepted than probably any other pastor in the village. It was this fact which led to offer him the place.

For two or three years The Reporter has been contemplating a plan of having local pastors write articles for each issue. There were difficulties to surmount and it has been abandoned. However, in its place has come this new idea which we believe will be for the greater good and will do more for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God in Downers Grove. It is, of course, impossible for any weekly paper in a village such as ours to get all the news of the community unaided, as the small financial remuneration does not justify the employment of a very large "staff." It must depend largely on its readers for news or for "tips." Churches, Sunday Schools, and the various organizations connected with them, are continually making news. It has been exceedingly hard in the past to get this, and when it was obtained usually the time when it was "news" had passed and it was now "old stuff."

The new department was created to get this news while it was still news. As it is estimated that considerably more than half the people of the community are either church members or regular attendants, we believe that they will be interested in reading of the doings of their church, and of the other churches of the village in The Reporter. Mr. Phelps will not write these stories himself. He will merely be the medium through which they are transmitted to this office. He will do the little editing necessary and have the vastly bigger job of keeping the men and women, responsible for getting the news to him, "on the job." He has already spoken to the ministers of the other churches of the village and received assurance that he would have their hearty support.

In order to insure that items of news will be published while they have news value, we have suggested that Mr. Phelps institute the following rules and adhere to them rigidly. First that copy be written on only one side of the paper, typewritten if possible and then double spaced. That all names, especially, be very legible, that dates and other information be verified before being written.

We have also suggested that accounts of everything happening up to and including Monday night be in his hands not later than nine o'clock Wednesday morning and other events not later than eight o'clock Thursday. It is not too early to get material into his hands by Monday morning, if possible.

SCHALLER-ZARN BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Gertrude M. Schaller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schaller, and Mr. George C. Zarn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zarn of Rogess street, were quietly married last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Only the members of the immediate family were present at the ceremony which took place in St. Paul's Evangelical church the Rev. Wm. Grotefeld, pastor of the church, officiating. Miss Rose Schaller, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and Mr. George Eichhorst, as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Zarn will make their home at 114 South Main street after returning from their wedding trip. Alfred Havlik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Havlik of Fairmount avenue, invited eleven little lads and lasses to help him celebrate his eighth birthday at the Havlik home last Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent with several games for which prizes were awarded. Just preceding the breaking up of the party satisfying refreshments were served. Those present were: Richard Hillard, Clarence and Gracie Heintz, Willard Brookins, Frank Greenberg, Ray and Ray Kellogg, Madeline Ogren, Richard Thomas, Ruth Talvey, Leland Hamblin.

WHEATON PLAYS LEGION IN GYM HERE TOMORROW

Service Men Open Basket Ball Season Against Village Five.

Local basket ball fans who have been waiting for the announcement of the opening of the American Legion season, will be pleased to learn that the first game will be played in the high school gym tomorrow night, January 15th. The strong Legion five from Wheaton has been signed for the curtain raiser and the game promises to be a whirlwind from start to finish. In the pre-game dope Wheaton has the edge. They have been playing great ball this season. Being naturally a strong team the experience they have gained in actual games against some of the best aggregations around Chicago, has given them confidence and team work. The local five, while not having had any experience at actual games, can be depended upon to put up a scrap all the way. The squad this year has a number of experienced players who will be quite able to uphold Downers Grove's athletic record of the past season. Among the candidates are "Tommy" Rogers, who played three years on the Knox College five being captain his last year; Herb Grotefeld, a lanky center who pastimed a number of years with the Wilson Avenue "Y" team and later with the Kent College of Law basket shooters; "Ted" Curtis, local athletic who gained his experience on the University of Chicago team which last year won the championship of the west and were named out of the National Championship by a single basket; "Rich" Shurtle, Paul Vaughan and Grunhaus of last year's high school five and a

LEGION AUXILIARY TO HOLD ELECTION TUESDAY, JAN. 18TH

Officers to be Chosen for New Term and Other Important Business Discussed. Next Tuesday afternoon, January 18th, the Auxiliary to the American Legion will hold its election of officers at the annual meeting to be held at 2:30 in the Legion rooms, Belmont and Forest avenues. Reports of officers for the preceding year will be read and other important business brought up for general discussion. It is desired that a good attendance mark the first meeting of the new term. The Auxiliary has been very active in the past year, noting the Legion whenever there was a possibility to be of service. They also have taken an active interest in the ex-service men in hospitals around this vicinity and were complimented for their efforts by a woman who devotes nearly all her time to this work. Quite a number of local Odd Fellows have signified their intention of attending a district meeting to be held this evening at Clyde. Members of the local lodge do not only take an interest in the affairs of their own lodge but in the doings of the district and state bodies.

CLASSIFIED AD SEASON COMING

The season when the little classified advertisement is at its best is almost upon us. People are already beginning to get the moving fever, they are looking over their furniture deciding on dropping this article or picking up that. This is the time when many articles change hands. The time when the housewife decides that she must have something new and therefore the old can be purchased cheap. If you want anything, advertise for it. If you have anything to sell, advertise it. The little classified ad is the medium which brings buyer and the seller together at a small cost. Reporter Classified Ads pay. Try one, the cost is low—thirty-five cents for one week if paid cash, fifty if charged and seventy-five cents for three weeks, cash, one dollar if charged for a minimum of five lines, more at regular rates.

BLAZE ALMOST DESTROYS JAMES CHILVERS HOME

Furniture Saved by Willing Neighbors—Second Alarm in Two Days.

The James Chilvers home on Saratoga and Franklin streets, almost destroyed by a fire this morning. The cause was the fire eating between the structure and the roof. The fire was caused by a gas leak and the roof was blown away when the fire broke out. Willing workers were called on for the furniture and personal belongings out of reach of the flames. Neighbors had seen smoke on the roof of the house as early as seven o'clock in the morning but did not investigate. Most of them thought that it came from the chimney. The probabilities are that a dog started the fire and that it burned for several hours before breaking out in flames. The alarm was sounded in about 8:20 and the stories of neighbors giving assistance to the firemen. The firemen did not wait until their arrival, soon having the house under control. They were handicapped in their efforts at the start by low water pressure but this increased as soon as word was passed to the lights and water plant. In less than an hour after they reached the scene the blaze was out. Mr. Chilvers himself turned in the alarm, the morning and thereby hangs a tale. He was sitting in the house reading a paper when he noticed a plume of smoke from the window and a faint smell of walking by. The plume soon looked up at the roof, took a look at the roof, then stop and look at the roof again. This excited the suspicion of Mrs. Chilvers who, thinking of the fire the day before, said to her husband, "It can't be that our roof is afire." Investigation revealed the roof a mass of flames and that small boy kept right on walking towards town. This was the second alarm in two days from the same block. The E. E. McCollum home, on Saratoga avenue just two doors from the Chilvers home catching fire on the roof from flying sparks just after noon Wednesday. Mrs. B. E. Balczynski, who lives in Lincoln avenue, turned in the alarm and prompt action on the part of the department quenched the flames before very much harm was done.

Two Alarms Thursday. Just before six o'clock last evening the fire siren sounded for the second time calling the firemen to the G. E. Whitney home on East Grove. The son of the family had been "blowing up" his motorcycle and a tank fire from the exhaust ignited some spilled gasoline on the floor of the barn where he was working at the machine. The motorcycle is a total loss but the barn is not the much worse for wear.

JOSEPH REUSS ELECTED HEAD CO. BAR ASSN.

G. H. Bunge of Downers Grove, Elected as Treasurer at Annual Meeting Wednesday.

Joseph Reuss of Naperville was elected to the presidency of the Du Page County Bar Association at the annual meeting at Naperville Wednesday. Gustav H. Bunge of Downers Grove, was selected as Treasurer. The other officers are: Vice-President, Frank Herrick, of Wheaton and Secretary Chasney Bond of Naperville. Action was taken which will link the County association with the Illinois Bar Association and it was decided to hold a meeting of the county instead of just a meeting at his home.