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WHOLE NO. 1927

PLAN RECEPTION FOR AUTOMOBILE FIRE APPARATUS

Fire Chief Henry Dicke to Pilot the Truck From Kenosha Here Next Sunday.

Downers Grove's new automobile fire apparatus, which is being paid for by voluntary subscription from the residents of the village, will be piloted here next Sunday by Fire Chief Henry Dicke. The truck was completed at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and though promised before Christmas is just ready now for delivery.

The apparatus will be the finest in the county and that people may have a proper appreciation of what it can do, a demonstration is planned for next Saturday evening, February 5. Preliminary to the showing of what the truck can do, those sponsoring the idea, are in favor of an automobile parade headed by the truck, to drive around the village.

The firemen will then connect a line of hose at the corner of Main and Curtiss streets and show the possibilities of the new apparatus. The whole affair will be in the nature of a celebration and those whom we have approached on the subject favor the idea.

Those who own automobiles will be asked to have them in line next Saturday evening in case the project is carried out. A postal card will be mailed in sufficient time to car owners to notify them of the event and the time and place of meeting.

RIFLE CLUB IS SHOOTING IN GYM SUNDAY MORNINGS

Indoor Practice Shows That Downers Grove Has Good Material For Crack Team.

Members of the Downers Grove Rifle Club started practice in the high school gymnasium and will meet there at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning to perfect their shooting eye. Good scores are being turned in and indications are that the club will have a crack team in the near future and will be able to issue challenges to all and sundry.

Included in the membership of the club are most of the old Company H rifle team which successfully captured and defended the rifle cup from all comers during the war. Many of them have been awarded medals for their work in competition. As the season progresses it is planned to shoot at outdoor ranges and eventually to compete with other rifle clubs in this vicinity.

All who take pleasure in rifle shooting are invited to the gym next Sunday to become acquainted with the club members and to sign up if they so desire. It is rumored that a challenge match between two of the club members will be shot to start the ball rolling.

The club is operating under the auspices of the National Rifle Association which in turn has government support. In the near future the school boys will be given a chance to perfect themselves in the handling of the small bore rifle.

BENEFIT FOR EUROPEAN RELIEF SATURDAY

Curtiss to Show Geraldine Farrar in "Carmen"—Proceeds to Go to Hoover Fund.

The Curtiss Theatre will show Geraldine Farrar with Wallace Reid in "Carmen" tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, at 3:15 for the benefit of the Hoover fund for the relief of central Europe. All the proceeds of the show will be turned over to the local committee. There will be only one performance which will start at 3:15 and it is expected that the house will be crowded, not only to see a wonderful actress in a wonderful story but to help swell the fund.

As an added attraction Miss Gwen Griffiths, whose solo work is well known to local audiences, has consented to sing, giving her service for a good cause.

EDITH MORGAN

Edith Virginia, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Morgan of 103 Lyman avenue, passed away Tuesday morning. She had been ill with diphtheria for just a short time.

Funeral services were held on the front porch of the Morgan home at one o'clock yesterday, Rev. Mr. Spires of the Church of the New Jerusalem of Chicago, and Rev. Mr. Smith of Glen View, officiating. Mrs. Weinheimer sang two beautiful solos.

The body was taken to Rose Hill cemetery, Chicago, in the afternoon where interment was made in the family plot.

BUSY FEBRUARY PLAN OF GROVE CHAPTER R. A. M.

Five Meetings for Shortest Month of Year—Supper Announced For February 19th.

Grove Chapter, No. 230, R. A. M., is preparing for a busy month in February, the shortest month of the year. Many new petitions have been coming in and the chapter is growing.

On the program for next month are five meetings at all of which degree work is scheduled. The Stated Convocation will be February 3, with specials on the 10th, 17th, 19th and 24th.

On Saturday, the 19th, work will begin at three o'clock in the afternoon. At six a recess will be taken for supper and the degree work resumed after the meal. It is expected that this meeting will draw many members and many visitors from out of town.

Chapter officers are of the opinion that many Blue Lodge men have attained suitable proficiency and are now contemplating the addition of a little more light on Masonic teachings. It is this belief that actuates the statement that the Chapter here will grow this winter.

RED CROSS OFFERS "HOME" COURSES TO ALL LOCAL WOMEN

Will Establish Class Under Competent Enrolled Nurse if Application is Made Soon

To raise the standard of health in America is one aim of the American Red Cross. With this end in view a course on "Home Nursing and Food Selection" is given by enrolled Red Cross nurses. The busy housewife does not have to go to the city to learn how to feed, bathe, dress the baby or about the formation of habits in babies; or how to give her family the best food; the Red Cross instructor will come to any neighborhood where fifteen or twenty women wish to form a class group to take up this course. If there is no class near you write to the American Red Cross, Room 511, 58 E. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Do your part toward making this country a healthier place in which to live.

LITTLE WONDER WORKERS

Remember the old adage which runs something like this—"Never send a boy to do the work of a man?" That is a mighty true saying and it applies to advertising like anything else. To sell a little article use a little ad and so forth. And by the way, just because we say that, don't think these little classified ads won't sell big things, because they will. We call them "little wonder workers," because of their great pulling power. A Reporter classified ad will sell anything you have, it will sell anything you have, it will bring you a man to do your garden and furnace work, a woman to do your washing, a buyer for that dining room table or that bed which you have discarded. The cost is small, 35c for one week, 75c for three if paid cash; 50c for one week or one dollar for three if charged. Try one.

HE WILL NEVER SEE HIS SHADOW



BILLED AS CRAP GAME KEEPER ADMITS BIG PROFITS

Emil Vix Tells Police Chief He Had Cleaned up \$1,800 and an Automobile.

On Friday evening, January 7th, Chief of Police Mike Venard and his assistant Dave Kearney, made a raid on the home of Emil Vix on East Franklin street where a game of "African golf" was in progress. Ten young fellows were taken in the raid and all fined as an object lesson not to shoot craps where the cops could see them.

Vix was booked as the keeper of the game and given a fine of \$20 and costs. The other nine, Arthur Schlauder, George Cline, Willard Gallup, Henry Dierks, Raymond Kettering, "June" Ehninger, Herbert Radell, Carl Shroka and C. J. Leberg, were billed as inmates and each assessed the sum of \$5 and costs.

After the blow off Vix boasted to Chief Venard that he had cleaned up in the last six months the sum of \$1,800 and the wherewithal to buy a second hand automobile.

Events leading up to the raid were rather peculiar. It seems that an eighteen year old boy in the village was employed in Chicago and making \$18 a week. He was not required to pay any board at home and his parents furnished his clothing. Becoming suspicious as to what he did with his money, they investigated and found that one Saturday evening he had the muniificent sum of fifteen cents left from his week's wages. The

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WHEATON BESTED BY LEGION FIVE IN SECOND GAME

Local Quintet Outplays County Seat Five on Their Own Floor—Score 20-16.

Playing basketball from the drop of the hat the local American Legion five won the second game of the season from the Legion quintet of the County Seat on the college floor at Wheaton Wednesday evening by the score of 20 to 16.

Beaten here two weeks ago, and claiming that the referee and a weakened team were responsible for the poor showing, Wheaton's aggregation of stars entered the game Wednesday determined to do or die. They died. The brilliant playing of Curless, Rogers et al made them look like high schoolers in one of the fastest games ever pulled off in this county.

The closeness of the score would lead one to believe that the outcome was in doubt. In fact the first half was doubtful, Wheaton leading at the whistle 12 to 10. In this part of the game the score saw-sawed, first the locals and then their opponents showing on top.

In the concluding half, however, the vast superiority of the Downers players over Wheaton's stars was apparent to even the most casual fan, and once more Wheaton's proud colors were humbled in the dust. Having almost twice as many chances at the basket as the losers, Curless had the muniificent sum of fifteen cents left from his week's wages. The home keeping down the score.

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WHEN DID YOUR REPORTER ARRIVE?

In the last two weeks we have had the proper postal authorities in more complaint from our subscribers regarding the slow delivery of their Reporters than ever before. Since the installation of the mail delivery in Downers Grove it has been hard, to say the least, to get the paper into the hands of our readers with any degree of speed or regularity. Under the old system of box delivery Reporter readers made it their business to get their copies from the office every Friday.

We are not blaming any of the local force for the service but believe it to be the fault of the Inspector who declared two carriers sufficient for the village. We desire better delivery service here and the Reporter is going to fight for it.

In order that we may have some concrete, definite facts to lay before

Washington we are asking our subscribers to fill in the blank below and bring or send it to this office.

We have had many complaints on the phone and say they get their Reporter Saturday afternoon, Monday morning or afternoon and some even on Tuesday morning. This, of course, hurts our business and the business of every one of our advertisers, especially those like the movies and the stores who have Friday and Saturday shows and special prices for the week end. Their advertising might just as well be cancelled, if the papers are not delivered until Monday or Tuesday.

Please fill out the blank below now and bring or send it to the office, 37 North Main street.

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Reporter, Downers Grove, Illinois.

I received my copy of THE REPORTER of Friday, January 28th, at _____ o'clock on _____ January _____ 1921.

I usually receive my paper _____

Signed _____

MACDOUGALL-RICE

Miss Dorothy MacDougall of Downers Grove and Mr. Claude Rice of Chicago, were married at the residence of the groom's aunt, 641 Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, on Thursday evening, January sixth, by the Rev. Arthur D. Klontz, pastor of the Morgan Park Methodist Church. A short wedding trip was made to Minneapolis and St. Paul and the couple are now in residence at 641 Fullerton Parkway, Chicago.

Mrs. Rice is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. MacDougall of Saratoga avenue and has a host of friends among the younger people of the village.

MANY VACCINATED HERE FOLLOWING SMALLPOX SCARE

Doctors Busy Scratching Arms as a Preventive of Spread of the Disease.

Local doctors were busy vaccinating last week following the announcement of a case of small pox in the village. It is estimated that nearly 500 people had their arms scratched by local physicians as a preventive of the spread of the disease. Children principally, underwent the vaccine treatment but there were a few adults.

At Elmhurst there are two cases. The schools have been closed and the proper measures taken to prevent its spread. One of the cases is the teacher of the 5th, 6th and 7th grades and her contact with the scholars makes it necessary that more than ordinary measures be observed.

There was some talk here of requiring a vaccination certificate before a child was admitted to school. This was dropped however because it cannot be enforced there being no state law requiring it. Oak Park tried it out and refused to admit one boy without the certificate. His father is now suing the school board and the superintendent of the high school for \$25,000 and has a good chance of winning the case.

LOCAL SCOUT COUNCIL MEETS NEXT WEDNESDAY

To Convene at High School for the Regular Business—Merit Tests For Scouts.

The next regular meeting of the local Boy Scout Council will be held next Wednesday evening, February 2, in the high school for the transaction of regular business. Downers Grove people have contributed very generously to the "Q" Suburban program for the next three years and the contributors are automatically a part of the council. Those eligible are invited to attend.

At the meeting the tests for the awarding of Merit Badges will be given to those Scouts desiring to compete. Every Scout has the chance of taking the tests and it is expected that many of them will avail themselves of the opportunity.

Mr. H. S. Paine has been re-elected auditor of the West Suburban District.

FAIR PRINTING PRICES

You remember in the past when the country editor was ridiculed as a man who, in order to keep body and soul together, was forced to take in crude wheat, cord wood and other things? That has all been changed and now-a-days the men who run the community newspapers throughout the United States are demanding a fair wage along with the other folks. This is true also to the "Job Department" of these country weeklies. Most of them now are subscribers to the "Franklin Printing Price List," we among them. This list gives a definite price for a definite piece of printing. It is fair to both the customer and to the printer. When you order your printing from the Reporter Job Department you know that you are getting the RIGHT price, right for you, and right for us.

FIRST DECLAMATORY CONTEST FEBRUARY

High School Students Drilling Under Mrs. James Prichard of Princeton.

One week from Friday evening, at the Curtiss Theatre, the first annual declamatory contest of the local high school will be staged. Very extensive preparations are being made to make this contest one of the very best affairs ever presented in the village. To accomplish this aim, Mrs. James Prichard of Princeton, Ill., has been secured, at considerable expense, to drill the boys and girls who are to strive for first honors. Mrs. Prichard is the wife of Judge Prichard of the Bureau County Court and her experience upon the stage and as a dramatic coach places her in the front rank of her profession. For the past few days she has been in our village and the contestants are rapidly rounding into shape for the event next week.

Competent out of town judges, who are strangers to Downers Grove and all of the participants will award the decisions.

It is expected by Mr. Snapp, who has personal charge of this affair, that every seat in the theatre will be taken and it is advised that arrangements be made to come early and avoid the rush. While this is not primarily a money making affair, the expense is heavy and a straight admission charge of fifty cents will be asked.

SUCCESS ATTENDS LOCAL DRIVE FOR EUROPEAN RELIEF

Downers Grove to Exceed Quota of Money To Aid Starving Children.

Apparently the people of Downers Grove have not lost that sense of humanity which impels one to give for the alleviation of suffering, no matter if the recipients are known to them or not. One would suppose so from the ready response which has met the solicitors here collecting money for the Hoover committee.

From the report of Mrs. M. H. Prince, who is acting chairman of the drive here, the village will more than double the quota which the committee set as our share in the great work of helping feed the undernourished children of central Europe.

Besides individuals, many societies, clubs and other organizations have contributed to the cause. Drives were made at the Kindergarten, schools, the churches and the committee in charge is to be commended for the efficient way in which the matter was brought before the people.

We expect to have complete figures of the total amount subscribed for the publication next week. Although the drive itself was suspended to be conducted last week, several solicitors have not completed their allotted territory and subscriptions are still coming in. Those who have not yet given and who wish to do so can leave either cash or a check at the First National Bank.

BAPTIST CHURCH COLLECTED \$106.00 FOR HOOVER FUND

Money Was Sent to Chicago Headquarters Before Drive Here Was Started.

The Baptist Church and Sunday School took up a special collection in January for the Hoover fund for the relief of starving children in central and eastern Europe. This was before the drive here was organized and even before a local chairman had been appointed.

The collection, amounting to \$106.00, was sent to the Chicago Headquarters of the relief fund on January 6th. This amount should be added to the final figures of the drive here and be counted in as part of the Downers Grove contribution.

Those who have not been solicited and those who feel that they can do a little more at this time, may leave cash or checks at the First National Bank.