

GRAND ARMY AND WORLD WAR BOYS WERE ENTERTAINED

Hall of Grove Lodge Crowded at Annual Reception to the Boys Who Wore the Blue

The hall of Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., was filled to its capacity last Saturday night on the occasion of the lodge's annual reception to Naper Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

This year the Downers Grove boys of the World War were included in the invitation and the Camp Fire part of the program largely given over to them.

As usual a six o'clock supper was served the veterans of the war of the rebellion and this year a portion of the boys who wore the blue enjoyed the hospitality of Grove Lodge. Mrs. N. C. Preece was chairman of this supper committee and was ably assisted in the preparation and serving by Mesdames H. P. Jones, Chas. Knoblauch, King Bush, Geo. Pickett, John Jenkins, Frank Frisbie and Ed. Huntington.

Guests Welcomed by W. M. The evening was opened by presenting the Stars and Stripes while Elvin Sucher, bugler of Co. H, blew "To the Colors."

Chas. Knoblauch, Worshipful Master of Grove Lodge, welcomed the guests in a short but eloquent talk and then turned the meeting over to Howard P. Jones, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Frank A. Rogers, Commander of Naper Post, in behalf of the guests, thanked the hosts for the evening's entertainment. He recalled how the lodge had given over to the G. A. R. the use of their present quarters on the second floor and their undying gratitude for the favor.

George Heardt touched lightly on the Civil War and the part played in it by those present. He won applause when he referred to the amalgamation of the organization he is a member of and what ever organization will be started by the boys who served Uncle Sam in the days of 1917-18. "The local Post, G. A. R. will welcome, may be honored, if these boys will affiliate with them," said Mr. Heardt, "and I hope that the National Order and whatever order you men join may get together and so perpetuate the name and deeds of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Chet Hall's Talk Brings Tears In reply to Mr. Heardt, Chester Hall, a member of the 149th F. A. said, "We are not coming back to supplant the G. A. R.; far from it; we are coming back to carry them on our shoulders. We have heard their experiences but now that we have been through somewhat similar ones we can appreciate more the things they so nobly did in 1861-65." In a voice which quavered with emotion and with tears in his eyes which brought a corresponding moisture to the eyes of his audience, Chet told of the death of Alice Burns. "I want to tell Mr. Burns," said Hall, "that he should be the proudest man in the world." His son, Alexander, passed on doing his duty as only a man could have done it. A shell had fallen and broken the wire which carried the reports of our hits and altho he knew and was told that other shells would surely follow; he went out into that hell of bursting shrapnel and repaired the break, suffering wounds which resulted in his death a few days later. He was decorated by General Pershing and cited in French and American orders.

Hall went on to tell of how the 42nd Division of which the 149th F. A. is a part, proved itself very soon after it had gone into action and was thereafter used as a shock division, being hurled into the gap when real nerve was required to stop Jerry or start him on his way Rhineward. He told of the divisions part in the great battles of Chateau Thierry, Argonne Forest, St. Mihiel, Verdun and how they fought the entire campaign with but two days rest, defeating among others the flower of the Kaiser's armies, the Prussian Guard.

It was while at Belleau Wood that the speaker saw the grave of John Pozdol, Downers Grove Marine, who was killed in action there. In speaking with members of John's company he learned the bravery displayed in battle by this hero who went over the top as he was wont to do things here, with a smile on his face and a song on his lips.

Capt. Puffer "Nearly" U-Boated Capt. M. L. Puffer, M. R. C., who entered the service at the time of the "disturbance" with Mexico, was "nearly" U-boated three or four times on his trip across. He kept his hearers laughing a good part of the time by his descriptions of the false submarine alarms, the mud of Brest and the general characteristics of France

which contrast so strangely with living in this country.

The doctor was connected with an Anti-Aircraft Battalion.

"Griff" Praised Ed. Pfaff

Owen Griffiths, Naval Aviation job, wireless operator and observer, who made many flights over the Austrian naval and submarine base of Pola on the Atlantic Sea, told a few of his experiences. How an Austrian bombing squadron kept him and others of his company in a doghouse for hours and how he helped drop "gas" on the Austrian city in an effort to "get their goats" was vividly described by him.

Being attached to an Italian unit and serving in Italy he got a first hand account of the bravery of the American Aviators during service with the Italian Army. Two "war boys" were mentioned—Edwin Pfaff and Ed. Puffer, and their heroic exploits were told. How Ed. Puffer was shot by the enemy and how he was rescued by the Italian Air Force, and how he was rescued by the Italian Air Force, and how he was rescued by the Italian Air Force.

Other Speakers Applauded We would like to tell every word that was said, it is all so worth while and interesting, but space will not permit.

Other speakers who were vociferously applauded for the things they said and incidentally for the things they did and saw, were: Alfred Gardner, William McElroy, Fred Howe and Hugh Wylie.

Gardner was a member of the 108th Engineers; McElroy with the aviation section; Howe in an Anti-Aircraft Battalion and Hugh Wylie with the Marines.

Songs Enlivened Evening Interspersing the talks were many songs which enlivened the evening and the cafeteria lunch which followed was thoroughly enjoyed.

Each year between the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington, Grove Lodge has entertained the G. A. R. and the affair Saturday night seems to have been the culmination of the annual entertainments.

The hall was crowded and the applause which greeted the speakers showed how interested was the audience in what they had to say. Pictures of members of the order who were or had been in the service were flashed on the screen and this novelty added to the attractiveness of the evening.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

The local society held the February meeting at the home of Mrs. Hattie Tiffany, Friday, February 14. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lee Singletary in March.

The bill for Frances Willard day in the public schools was presented by Miss Hood at the Illinois Woman's Legislative Congress, and was unanimously endorsed by that body.

Call to service for World Prohibition. We plead with all good women throughout the world to join with us heart and hand in the holy endeavor to protect and sanctify the home as the temple of the Holy Spirit which, next to the human body itself, is dearest of all to our Creator; that womanhood and manhood is equal purity, equal personal liberty and peace, any climb to those heights where there shall be no more curse. We ask all women like minded with us in this sacred cause, to wear the white ribbon as the badge of loyalty; to lift up their hearts with us to God at the noontide hour of prayer; to take as their motto "For God and home and every land" and to unite with us in allegiance to the declaration of principles and our plans and purposes, as embodied in the preamble of our constitution given here in part:

In the love of God and Humanity, we, representing the Christian women of the world, and our selves together with the solemn conviction that our united faith and works will, with God's blessing, prove helpful in creating strong public sentiment in favor of personal purity of life, including total abstinence from the use of all narcotic, poisons, the protection of the home by outlawing the traffic of alcoholic liquors, the enfranchisement of the women of all nations.

CORPORAL Mc WILLIAMS. LEATHERNECK, IS TO TALK AT S. ANDREWS CHURCH

Owing to a change of plans, Corporal John McWilliams, 95th Co, 6th Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps, will not speak at S. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Sunday, February 23rd, but will be present on Sunday, March 2nd. Corporal McWilliams, who is a personal friend of the pastor, tells a most interesting story of his part in the World War. He spent eighteen months in France, fought at Chateau Thierry, was wounded at Belleau Wood, June 12, 1918, and is now at his Chicago home on a month's furlough.

A REVIEW

Selected. By Anon.

When staid and stately matrons Step down from off their perch As many have done lately In the D. G. M. E. Church They're brimming full of ginger

And Mrs. Oscar Potter. How she just loves to call on Thomas—Dick— and Harry, whom she's never met at all for dragging folks to church seems to be her one best bet, if Miss' Jackson hadn't stopped her, she'd be talking apron yet.

And Mrs. Brown as pastors wife, was modest and discreet in her black silk gown and apron white, so motherly and sweet; in fact she was so natural it was very hard to tell, she was not a "really" pastor's wife—but we know John Brown too well.

And Mrs. Rogers—who chewed gum enough to stuff a tire and made an awful fuss about the inefficient fire and boiled the clock, (Which, I say, seem quite ridiculous to some yet the height of her ambition is to feed her pastor rum.

And Mrs. Rigsbee—Well! we all

agree she was a scream, in her handsome shawl and bonnet she looked like some horrid dream; for other peoples business she surely had a "bug," and her ambition was to see Miss Mill's moth-eaten rug.

And Mrs. Lower with her basket full of "sweets unto the sweet", her costume was appropriate—smart, elegant and manly; she took care of her family—and even mastered Russian—yet the height of her ambition was to own a crazy cushion.

Then Mrs. Olson on the job, as chairman in the play, much worried was "wings or phone" and which should win the day. She grumbled like a good one on the ladies would be quite mute, yet in spite of her ambition she was just substitute.

Miss Mills whose boy would not get up in time for school each morn was quite put out because her goods were at a la Rous Horn. She seemed to be so capable—strong minded-like—and yet the height of her ambition was to squelch poor Mrs. Brett.

And Mrs. Rogers—who chewed gum enough to stuff a tire and made an awful fuss about the inefficient fire and boiled the clock, (Which, I say, seem quite ridiculous to some yet the height of her ambition is to feed her pastor rum.

And little Mary Fletcher, with her small boy and her wash, though her

John forgot to fill the tubs, he's not to blame, b'gosh; she has all that heart can wish for, but I guess she doesn't know it for the height of her ambition seems to center round "The Poet."

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Miss Schnabele who had learned by heart the part of Mrs. Drew and had it letter perfect—every entrance—every cue; though she learned to make a spongy cake—a pie and biscuits too, yet the height of her ambition was to go and have the "flu."

And poor Mrs. Dickerson got sick at the last minute and though she knew the play all through—of course she wasn't in it, well! we missed her, and we hope for the next she'll be on deck if we take on a collection to give her gas, by heck.

And little Mrs. Stough who played the part of "Tilly Pynn" not mentioned in the program her part was just put in; with her lovely voice and pretty songs she proved to be quite able to deserve the kindly comment of Woodrow Wilson's cable.

The "Cat's Quartette" was funny, the encore was real cute, the bouquets were elaborate with poetry to suit; from H. Jones, Professor Butler, Messrs. Lower and Rogers (Who don't look like their poetry sounded, that I must confess).

The play was given in Downers Grove, and scored a big hit sure so

The Company decided they had better go on tour; the first big town they made was Lisle for their lovely cake and coffee which they served in royal style and all the company agree—in fact "it is a vote" though each one tried, they could not seem to get H. Hedrick's goat.

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Vinegar and Pep When staid and stately matrons Step down. Oh! boy, some step. P. S. By Mrs. Roberts.

I want to add a post-script, for I really think its due, our tried and kind director, who took the part of Mrs. Drew. We know her patience must have been, most sorely tried at times, but she vowed to see us safely thru, to help us get the dimes, never once did she fail us, and we all with one accord, want to give three rousing cheers, for sister Francis Latchford.

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