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LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

FRANK DUNCAN AT AN ORDNANCE BASE HOSPITAL

Mohun-sur-Yevre, January 27, 1919. Dear old Boss:

Just got through reading the Reporter of December 20, and thought it was about time I was dropping you a few lines.

I'll tell you why I haven't written before. We landed at St. Nazaire October 6, after a very seasick trip (for me at least) and we slept on wooden bunks with the slats about 3 inches apart. We only had three blankets and when I woke up in the morning I worked about fifteen minutes to get my anatomy out from between the slats. I didn't write any more than I had to. I was colder than the dickens all the while we were there. When we left we went to Thesees and slept in tents and worked all day.

When we moved to Montmeillon, the first order we got was not to write over two letters a week. That is not very many when you have a wife and folks to write to.

They had a big celebration in the camp when the armistice was signed and right after that the Capt. told us we would probably start home right away. We did (not). They kept us there and telegraphed for four or five men every week or two until last week when they took all that were left. Sixteen of the fellows were sent to the same town where Dewey and Judd Staiger are and 12 of us were sent here to a hospital.

Six of them are over in the evacuation barracks ready to go home.

This is a big ordnance camp and they say they have the largest and best equipped shops here of any place in France.

Yesterday afternoon I started out of the barracks to go to the "Y" and who should I meet but Walter Johnston and "Brick" Binder coming to see me. Believe me I was some tickled. "Brick" just left here now after reading the paper which Walt brought over to me.

I have only received two Reporters since I have been over here but I'll tell the world I read them all the way through even to the Want Ads.

We are in a fine place here. Sleeping on mattresses with plenty of blankets and a nice fire all the time. The cats are sure fine too, the best I have struck in France.

Have to stop now and get in bed before they turn the lights out on me. Expect I'll be back in good old D. G. by the middle of the summer and believe me I won't be a bit mad when I hit there.

Hope this letter finds all the Staats families and the Winter family as well as it leaves me. I weighed 166 and one half pounds about a month ago.

Yours truly, Frank M. Duncan.

RAY MORGAN "KAPUT" (WHAT-EVER THAT IS?)

Luxemburg, January 28th, 1919. Dear Friend:

Well I must say I appreciated the Christmas package to the fullest extent. Yes, and mother said you were instrumental in getting the package for me from the folks. Everything was just lovely. Plenty of packages—five in all—with good American chews and also real American candy.

Well now seeing as you are a good letter writer, write more often and tell me how you are for I am home-sick, lonesome and get the blues, you,

Your letters are appreciated, you can't possibly imagine how much. Remember me to friend wife and the rest.

As ever, Tom (Schultz).

THE PATROL SYSTEM FOR DuPAGE COUNTY ROADS

BY E. L. GATES Superintendent of Highways

DuPage County is to try the patrol system on a number of its main roads this coming season. The patrol system consists in having a man with team look after a definite section of the road six days in the week. He is to stay on the job and devote his entire time to the work. A road drag will be furnished and material will be hauled to convenient places so that the holes can be filled at the time they start instead of waiting until they get beyond repair. Also ditches and culverts will be opened and weeds and brush cut out. It is hoped in this manner to take care of our roads in a way that will make them passable at all times. Whenever the road commissioner of any township desires to start this system in his township he will call upon the county superintendent of highways and together they will select a system of roads to be patrolled and hire suitable parties to do the work. The township is to pay one-half the cost and the county one-half.

Some property owners thought so well of the patrol system plan that arrangements have been made to patrol the Butterfield Road from the Christie School House east to Salt Creek, the entire expense to be borne by some of the property owners along this road. A number of farmers are now dragging the roads near their farms and doing it at no cost to the township. This is a great benefit to the public as well as to the property owners and if there are any farmers who care to take any considerable stretch of road and do it in this manner a drag will be provided and kept at a convenient place for their use.

A new road organization has been perfected which consists of the property owners along and near the St. Charles Road. The organization is known as the St. Charles Road Improvement Association and is to be affiliated with other organizations along the St. Charles Road from Chicago to Iowa. The St. Charles Road will be marked through DuPage County as the Chicago-Iowa Route and will be improved as much as possible. Mr. Charles Plane, West Chicago, is President of this Association and anyone desiring to join should communicate with him. It is hoped that by means of this organization and by all the farmers and road commissioners working together on the St. Charles Road, which is one of the oldest in the county, it will be put in better shape than it is at present time.

EVAN. Y. P. A. HELD "WASHINGTON" SOCIAL

Last Thursday evening the Young People's Alliance of the First Evangelical church held a very enjoyable George Washington's Birthday Social in the basement parlors of the church. The rooms were enlivened with flags and scenes from Washington's life. A sketch, "Hiring the New House Maid" was presented to the great enjoyment of all. Then many games and contests followed. Carl Stone and Lillian Heintz costumed and personated the parts of George and Martha, as host and hostess. Refreshments and games kept all busy and happy till a seasonably late hour. "Wish Washington had several birthdays a year!" was the verdict of the departing guests.

Has Any One

- Died— Eloped— Divorced— Had a fire— Embezzled— Left Town— Had a baby— Sold a farm— Had a party— Come to town— Been arrested— Had twins or colic— Sold a cow or lost an auto— Laid in a stock of whisky— Stolen a dog or his friend's wife— Committed suicide, or murder— Fallen from an airplane or— Fallen into a coal hole or— Fallen into a legacy?

That's News!

Phone or mail it to the DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER 37 N. Main St. Phone 188

NOTES OF THE WOMANS CLUB

The annual View Day of the Burlington Group of the Municipal Art League was held on Thursday, February 20th at the Art Institute. This gathering has been held for several years but it was conceded by all present, that this surpassed all previous meetings. Downers Grove Club ladies were especially interested this year as one of their members, Mrs. Louis Jones, is chairman of the Burlington Group. About one hundred and fifty ladies were present at the luncheon. Mrs. Jones, as toastmistress, presided in a very pleasing manner. Short talks were made by Mr. Millard, President of the Municipal Art League; Mrs. W. F. Grower, Vice-President and Mr. Wallace Heckman. The principal speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Oliver Dennett Grover who gave a most excellent talk on Art. Mrs. M. K. Bush who is Chairman of Art of the eleventh District gave an interesting talk on Ceramic Art. Misses Engelshall and Norpel furnished the music for the afternoon, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After the luncheon the guests viewed the pictures by the Chicago Artists and all together it was a most enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Casterton, one of the club members, had some of her work on exhibition. Mrs. Casterton is a miniature painter and ranks very high in her line of art. About forty-five members of the Club were present, together with guests from Hinsdale, LaGrange, Western Springs and Berwyn.

Children's Day Program given under the auspices of the Art Department of the Downers Grove Womens Club, at Library Hall, February 19, was truly enjoyed by a large company of children from our schools as well as by the adult members present. The program was varied, consisting of music, readings, story telling and interpretative dancing. Those taking part on the program and to whom the members of the Art Department extends its sincere thanks for such a delightful afternoon were: Misses Eleanor Miller and Viola Tresch, of Oak Park, Miss Frances Bensley, Miss Troy and Mrs. R. E. Rassweiler, of the village.

HOW ABOUT IT MOTHERS?

One of our subscribers phoned the suggestion that we start a "bright sayings of children" column which should be for Downers Grove children only!

It's a good suggestion if we could get the material. We base our belief on the fact that Downers Grove has the brightest people so why not the brightest children?

Mothers with bright children would you send in their bright sayings in sufficient numbers to make a bright column bright? Let us hear from you?

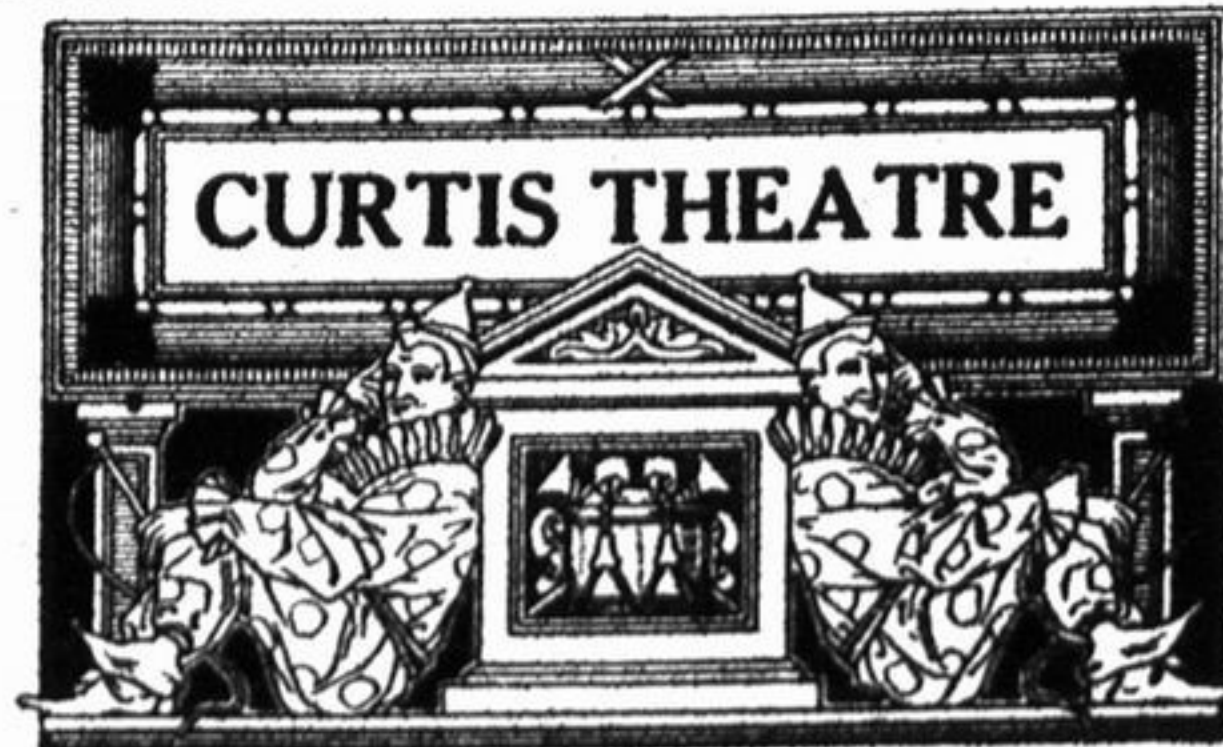
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REV. CRUSIUS GAVE MESSAGE AT FAREWELL

The Grove Street Evangelical church was the place, last Sunday evening, where the church people of Downers Grove met in a union service to bid "Godspeed" to the departing pastor, Rev. Paul N. Crusius. He is highly esteemed and well-liked by all, for his constant spirit of Christian brotherhood and helpfulness. Here was a faithful minister of the gospel, servant of God and true friend of man. His farewell message was deeply spiritual and impressed upon us the thought that sacrifice is ever the heart of religion, and that God Himself sacrificed and expects us to sacrifice for weak and sinful and needy mankind. Also that God's strength is made perfect even in our weakness and by His grace we are made strong often where we had been weakest before. We were encouraged to go with faith. The program follows:

Two Hymns—Come Thou Almighty King and Sun of My Soul. Invocation—The Lord's Prayer Rev. Crusius Vocal Solo—"Fear Ye Not O Israel" Miss Myrtle Nielson Scripture Lesson—Rev. B. H. Fleming Vocal Solo—"The Gentle Shepherd" Miss Florence Lacey Prayer—Rev. J. B. Little Remarks—Rev. R. K. Schwab, Chairman. Hymn—Blest Be The Tie That Binds Sermon—Rev. Paul N. Crusius Hymn—"God Be With You" Rev. Crusius Benediction— A hearty handshake and a cheery word of good wishes from the friends, fittingly followed the service.

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Direction Hilliard Campbell.

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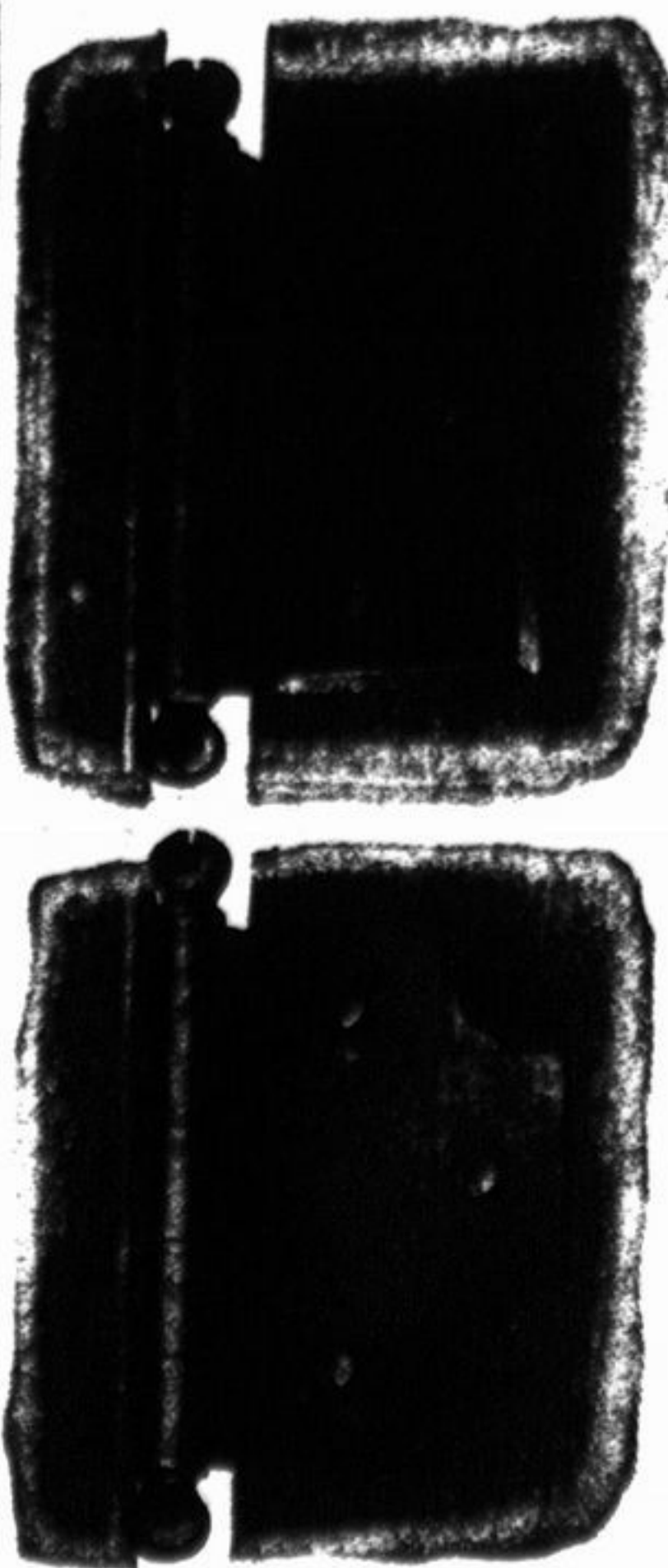
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