

### BIG BATTLE ! ! D. G. BOY SCOUT TROOPS CLASH

"Two" and "Three" Staged "Capture the Flag" Combat on Tuesday Evening.

Out at the end of South Washington street Troop No. 3 of Downers Grove Boy Scouts met Troop No. 2 Tuesday evening in a deadly combat of "Capture the Flag."

The sentries of Troop 2 stood their ground well when the volunteers from Troop 2 made their attack, and on the arrival of re-enforcements the volunteers were forced to retreat across the border, pursued by Troop 2's sentries.

Minor engagements and skirmishes took place all along the road that served as "No Man's Land," and on near guard, who had left his position on the Flag Guard to entice the enemy into an open field, was incapacitated by a slight blow on the nose.

Mr. Savage, in true Napoleonic fashion, marshalled the forces of Troop 2 at one end of the field to make a dash for the flag into the territory of the enemy, who were strongly entrenched and almost double in numbers. But even as Napo-

leon failed, so did the great strategist Savage fail for his whistle signal that was to start the assault was counterfeited by "Kelly," and given at a time when the volunteers were unprepared to repulse the flank attack. The whistle ruse was successful and the Valiant Six were captured.

The flag fell into the hands of Troop 2; but Troop 3 are good losers, so they gave the winners nine rubles. "Capture the Flag" is a pretty good scout game, fellows, and it develops quick thinking.

### "FREEZE UP" DOES DAMAGE TO FRUIT AROUND DOWNERS

Our beautiful spring weather gives place to snow flurries and icicles.

We admit it, we were overjoyed last week when we advised getting in old-fashioned fruit and vegetables to protect the garden from its reception of seedlings. However, that old saw got under our skin and our natural pessimism regarding "topping" in this region was replaced by an artificial optimism generated by that same-

After our warm, sunny day-

last Saturday with its cold, north wind was really cold. Toward evening a snow began to fall and in a few hours the world had again turned white. As much snow fell, one-half inch, as we had had all winter. Early Sunday morning it got cold in earnest and by the time day dawned water in chicken runs was frozen and all the blossoms of the plum and peach trees, which looked so beautiful in their heavy bloom were ruined as far as fruit bearing was concerned.

There are some who think that the early cherries are also gone and others of the opposite opinion, however, we hope that no damage has been done to these delicious pie fillers. As for the plums and peaches, they can be spared, in this region, as well as any fruit for they being taken up with incorporated cities and villages and that farming in this vicinity.

### COUNTY'S URBAN POPULATION IN- CREASED 168 P. C.

In Last Ten Years Rural Population Has Decreased More Than 30 Per Cent.

The urban population of DuPage County has increased 168.8 per cent in the last ten years, according to a special Illinois supplement on the 1920 census just issued by the Department of the Census of the Government. In the same period the rural population decreased 30.5 per cent. This shows that the back-to-the-land movement has worked in DuPage County with a reverse English and that DuPage County is rapidly being taken up with incorporated cities and villages and that farming in this vicinity.



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