

ECHOES OF THE G. A. R. DINNER MEMORIAL DAY

Talk of Commander Frank A. Rogers and Poem Read by John Mohr of Hinsdale.

At the annual dinner given Decoration Day to the veterans of the Civil War, there are always several talks by members of Naper Post interesting to everyone. We endeavored to have them for publication last week, but this was impossible.

We take pleasure however, in presenting them this week. The first is the talk by Frank A. Rogers, Commander of Naper Post, in thanking the ladies for their efforts in behalf of the veterans. The second is a poem read by John Mohr of Hinsdale. It was applauded and the sentiments expressed are the sentiments of every true American.

Another year has passed. Another Memorial Day has arrived and we, the surviving members of Naper Post Grand Army of the Republic, greet you and I wish to again tender you, as I have done on many like occasions, the heartfelt thanks for your kind invitation to again meet you here today.

When we receive your invitation to be your guests on Memorial Day, we well know what that means. As we know from past experience of many years, what fine entertainment is awaiting us here and I often think, had we known that when the Civil War ended and we returned to our homes, the Grand Army of the Republic would be organized and the 30 day of May set apart as Memorial Day in which today millions take a part, and that in Downers Grove a society of ladies known as the Ladies of the Macabees, would be organized and entertaining the surviving members of the war after over half a century had elapsed, I am sure the anticipation of the fine dinner which you Ladies of the Macabees have so kindly prepared for us, would have lightened our hard-hips of war on the march, in camp and on the battlefield.

My Country's Flag

I have roamed many a legion mile
Upon the stormy seas,
I have seen some twenty banners float
Proudly on the breeze,
That banner to Great Britain's pride,
The boast of England's tars,
But none can entice my heart like you
My Country's Flag of Stars,
Brazil's gay flag of gorgeous dyes,
And the banner of old Spain,
Even Gallia's bunting as they fly
Have all been dimmed by stain,
Their lusters have been soiled off,
At home by deadly jars,
But thy bright azure folds are pure
My Country's Flag of Stars,
In a foreign port I have seen
The ships of half the world,
To celebrate some gala day
Their bunting all unfurled,
With eager heart I glanced my eye
Along their tapering spars
Until my gaze was fixed on thee
My Country's Flag of Stars,
As thy stripes and star speckled field
Broke on my eager sight,
My heart beat strong, my bosom
Thrilled with delight,
I hailed thee as a signature
As a true Columbian tar's,
The banner of the brave and free
My Country's Flag of Stars,
Where is the heart possessing but
One spark of freedom's zeal,
That does not gaze on thy folds
A patriotic spirit feel,
The veteran too as he looks down
Upon his dear-brought scars,
He hails thee with delight
My Country's Flag of Stars.

LaGRANGE POLICE CAPTURE THIEVES - TO GET REWARD

Officers William Estrom and Wm. E. Griesman in line for \$5,000 Cash Each

Officers William Estrom and William E. Griesman of the LaGrange police are in line for rewards of \$5,000 each, according to a statement by Postoffice Inspector Fahy of the Chicago Division.

These men captured at midnight on Friday, May 27th two train robbers, Paul Speckman, 29 years old and Edyard O'Leary, 22 years old, as they were breaking into cars on the side track at the Fifth avenue station.

It developed at the grilling given the men by Chief Matthews, that they had broken into a U. S. mail car on the C. & N. W. near Beloit, Wis., on May 20. Both have police records.

They have been taken to the Cook County jail, are in the custody of the Government and will stand trial for robbing the mails. The maximum sentence they can receive is twenty years in Leavenworth.

It is expected that the two policemen will receive, if not the full amount of the reward, at least a substantial cash prize for the capture.

JULIUS SEVERUS IS DOING A BIG BUSINESS HERE

Manufacturing Veterinary Instruments in Converted Barn on Blodgett Ave.

Julius Severus is doing a big business in a small shop. This was disclosed in a visit to his manufacturing plant Monday. That there is another manufacturing plant in the village will come as a surprise to many people, but Mr. Severus is certainly doing the work.

He has converted a barn on Blodgett avenue into as neat a little shop as one can imagine. Here with three employees, he is turning out thousands of veterinary instruments and other surgeons supplies. Furnishing manufacturing supply houses in Chicago and Brooklyn, N. Y., he and his force are kept busy on orders. He says that if conditions would settle it would justify him in adding to his force.

The shop has all the latest machinery for the manufacture of these instruments and everything is handy to facilitate the work. Besides his regular line he is doing repair work of various kinds. He has a plating outfit and with this is equipped to turn out work in short order. The shop is the best outside of Chicago.

Incidentally, the Severus home and grounds on Benton avenue are one of the show places of the village. He has a regular small farm with all kinds of fruit, vegetables and flowers.

JUST PARAGRAPHS

We see that Fords have taken another drop. If they will get down to where one is given away with a bag of peanuts, even we will have a chance to join the rapidly growing Henry gang.

The much talked of fight between Carpentier and Dempsey on July 2d has even the kids going. We overheard two ten year olds on the street the other day arguing as to the respective hitting ability of these two men. One was betting the other a million dollars that "Carp" could hit harder than "Jack."

In the last four weeks we have added forty-five new names to our subscription list and lost four. This is a pretty good record on top of our list of over 1100 and conclusively shows that The Downers Grove Reporter is "A Newspaper for the Community."

UNIQUE PROGRAM SATURDAY AT RECEPTION TO G. A. R.

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States had had a part. With each of the characters were appropriate selections which had been sung on battle field and in camp by those men who had worn the uniform in the service of their country.

In the order of their appearance and the songs were the following. They came marching in at the call of the bugle after being announced by B. E. Balczynski, chairman of the entertainment committee for the evening.

Revolutionary War—Minute Man, John Gray; Colonial Soldier, Walter Chessman, "Yankee Doodle,"

Civil War—The Blue, L. A. Veronca; The Gray, Alex Modjeska, "Just Before the Battle Mother," "John Brown's Body" and "Dixie."

Spanish American War—A Volunteer, M. J. Fox; A Rough Rider, Carl J. Staiger, "Just as the Sun Went Down," "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

The World War—A Doughboy, Theodore Drenttel; A Gob, Robert MacDougall; A Devil Dog, Harry Case, "Pack Up Your Troubles," "Over There."

The Home Guard—George Mac Dougall; Thomas Tizzard, "Keep the

Home Fires Burning.

Ensemble, "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Following the program of tele evening, impromptu talks were made by the veterans. R. W. Bond upheld the honor and glory of the cavalry and was ably answered by "Uncle Billy" Reidelman, who more than held up the deeds of the infantry. This is an old battle and is fought every year at these meetings.

John Mohr told his personal experiences, how he happened to join the army although pretty young to shoulder a gun and how he spent two months in Andersonville prison, reciting a poem about that Southern pen.

George Heatt talked about the dwindling numbers in the ranks of the men who wore the blue, calling attention to those who have made their last march over the great divide.

As a fitting end to the evening, lunch was served in the dining room to the G. A. R. the Masons and visitors. Dr. F. H. Kenison presided over the tables as he has done for so many years.

JUNIOR INFANT WELFARE PLANS BIG BABY WEEK

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the monthly visits but there are plans for a Baby Week later which it is hoped will swell the interest and funds materially. Of that you will hear later. For the present your needle at the bi-monthly meetings or your one dollar membership (which is payable to Mrs. W. C. Barber, the Secretary) or both, will be welcome aid in the cause of Infant Welfare.

Mrs. M. E. Lubeck, president of the Hinsdale Committee, was present at the last meeting at Mrs. Bryce's. She gave a very interesting talk on what

Hinsdale has accomplished and what she hopes the Downers Grove group can do.

The next meeting is to be with Miss Alice Gourley, North Forest avenue, the afternoon of June 16th.

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