

The Ministers' Corner

MILLIONS FOR PRIZE FIGHTS, BUT NOT ONE CENT FOR BONUS

By The Rev. Arthur Spencer Phelps
Which would you rather be, a prize fighter or a crippled soldier?

In a few weeks one of our "noble heroes," Jack Dempsey by name, is to receive a million dollars for an exhibition of his ability to take grueling punishment from, and to mete it out to, another prize fighter named Carpenter. Of course, the law prohibits prize fights, so this is to be a "boxing contest." However, we notice that the champion is very emphatic in his assurance that he is going to do his best to end the bout with a knockout. It may be that we are too unsophisticated to understand such deep matters, but somehow we cannot help but agree with Representative Gallivan of Massachusetts, who recently suggested some very salient facts.

It is not at all clear in our mind as to the comparative value of the services of these two gentlemen as they perform in the prize ring for a short time (perhaps three minutes, perhaps a slightly longer period) and the services performed by the boys who spent hours, days, weeks or months in the trenches and on the battlefields in France. Of course we understand that Dempsey and Carpenter face the possibility that one or the other of them will be beaten or knocked into unconsciousness (or will have to pretend to be in such a state) for a length of time sufficient for the referee to count ten. With the boys in khaki faced bayonets, cannons, shell shock, poison gas—death itself.

Having passed the age limit for active service in the army, the writer enlisted for war work with one of the welfare organizations. It was his misfortune to be rejected in spite of all that he was able to do to be accepted. As a consequence of this misfortune, he knows no more at first hand of the awfulness of shell shock, poison gas or bullet wound than does Jack Dempsey. However, in some way he has become impressed vividly with the fact that while a solar plexus knockout may be unpleasant it is nowhere near as dangerous as the horrors of war.

We may not all agree as to the value of boxing as a part of a young man's education. This minister believes in boxing (not prize fighting) as an asset in developing self-control. There is a set of gloves in our home, and our boys learned to handle them early in life. Boxing for development and amusement is one thing, commercialized prize fighting is something entirely different. The special aggravation in the present case is that men who are opposing any attempt to do what is right by the soldiers are spending hundreds of dollars, and many of them betting thousands (another violation of law) on the prize fight.

We are not quite so much interested in the fact that one or the other, and perhaps both, of the principals will get a beating. If two brutes want to beat one another into unconsciousness, that is not quite so bad as to have them do so in the presence of thousands of men, and some women, who are as eager for blood as are those who attend bull fights in Mexico. Probably within a few blocks of the arena some poor soldier boy, gas or shell shocked, in need of the necessities of life will hear the tumult and curse our ingratitude.

AND WE CALL THIS A CHRISTIAN NATION.

ST. JOSEPH A. C. HAD EASY WIN LAST SUNDAY

Beat Waneca A. C. of Chicago, on the St. Procopius Diamond by a score of 15 to 2.

Another victory was scored by the St. Joseph A. C. last Sunday at St. Procopius College grounds. The opposing team was the Waneca A. C. of Chicago. The pitching of Baron was a feature of the game and he registered twelve strikeouts and allowed only six hits. He was backed by good fielding.

It looked like the locals game from the start as it was a no hit game for the visitors up to the sixth inning. The opposing pitcher was wild at times and hit three men, they also played a poor game in the field as the locals made 15 runs with 13 hits.

Miller was replaced by Holloway in the sixth inning on account of being injured by a pitched ball. Rieff was absent from the line-up on account of sickness. This absence will be felt by the team as they will not be able to play ball for some time.

St. Joseph A. C.	Waneca A. C.
Bender, 2b	Chicke, 2b
Bradley, 3b	Fillette, 3b
Brady, c	Roco, c
Baron, p	Chester, p
Moranz, 1b	Grapple, 1b
Miller, cf	Kewpie, cf
Meyer, ss	Johns, ss
Wimmer, rf	Grecca, rf
Riedy, lf	Dicke, lf
Holloway cf	
St. Joseph	-1 3 4 0 1 3 3 0 x 15
Waneca	-0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., June 13, 1921.
Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bender and Bryce and Heardt.

Minutes of the meeting of June 6, 1921, were read and Commissioner Bryce moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Heardt Bender and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Collector's and Treasurer's reports for the month of May, 1921, were read as follows:
COLLECTOR'S REPORT
To the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1921.
Chas. M. Hitch, Village Collector.

FOR—	
Commercial Lighting	\$2795.62
Light Meter Repairs	22.00
Light Meters	130.00
Water Rates	1964.02
Water Meters	23.50
Water Meter Repairs	11.90
Water Tapping Fees	280.00

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Dog Taxes	17.00
Police Fines	3.00
Automobile Fines	30.00
Lamp Sales	17.00
Sale of Junk	150.00
Garbage Disposal	14.10
Sale of Supplies	10.00
Plat Fees	2.00
Total	\$6137.14

Disbursements
Deposited to the credit of...
the Village Treasurer... \$6137.14
Commissioner Haller moved that the reports be placed on record. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Bender, Heardt, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heardt moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date, June 20th, 1921. On roll call Commissioners Heardt, Haller, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.
Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

A FREE VACATION OFFERED BY U. S. IN TRAINING CAMP

Men From Sixteen to Thirty-Five Eligible for Enrollment at Camp Grant.

Citizens Military Training Camps are announced for the summer of 1921, to be held in all the nine Corps Areas of the United States.

The camp for the Sixth Corps Area comprising the states of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, will open July 21 and close August 20.

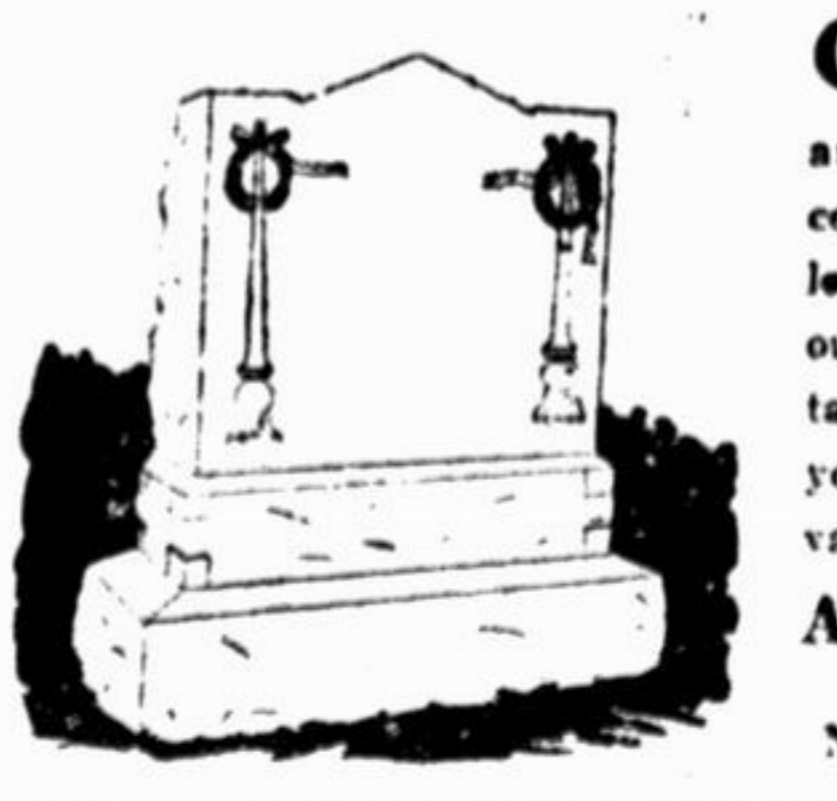
This camp will be held at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, a permanent Army Post, where ample opportunity will be given for getting acquainted with the workings of combat troops and the procedure of special services in the military establishment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill., Gentlemen:
The following is my report for the month of May, 1921.
C. Ford Davis, Village Treasurer.

Funds	On hand last report	Receipts for month	Expend. for month	Bal. on hand
Dept. of Public Affairs	\$ 937.85	\$ 310.12	\$ 103.87	\$ 1144.10
Dept. of Accounts & Finance	5049.98	3312.67	463.95	7889.70
Dept. of Health & Safety	985.83	247.39	649.18	584.04
Dept. of Streets & Public Imp.	2733.06	1659.85	911.66	3481.25
Dept. of Public Property	7604.35	6025.28	3207.41	10419.22
Public Library	1294.35	484.03	233.25	1545.13
Interest Fund	4277.08	643.95	1575.56	3345.47
Sinking Fund	7054.19	1146.98		8201.17
Totals	\$29927.69	\$13827.27	\$ 7144.88	\$36610.08
Special Assessments	4797.30			4797.30
Grand Total	\$34724.99	\$13827.27	\$ 7144.88	\$41407.38

I do hereby swear to the best of my knowledge this report to be true and correct.
C. Ford Davis, Village Treasurer.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 13th day of June 1921.
Chas. M. Hitch, Notary Public.



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Under a provision of the Army Reorganization Act and subject to an appropriation in the pending Army Bill the Government will pay all expenses incident to camp attendance, including transportation both ways, subsistence, quarters, uniform, equipment, laundry service, medical and dental care.

The Government proposes these camps as great schools in citizenship and in national defense, for the individual and social usefulness of all who attend. Military training will be directed to the initiation of young men into the conditions of camp life and the elementary duties of the soldier. Stress will be put upon the development of physical health and vigor through out-of-door games and sports under expert supervision. Social and recreational activities will be fully provided and the Chaplains and Hostesses of the Regular Army will be assigned to duty at the camp.

Men between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five who are of sound character, intelligence and physical condition, will be eligible for enrollment in these camps which are intended primarily for men of little or no military training. Attendance entails no future military obligation, although it is hoped that men will associate themselves later with the National Guard or the Reserve.

This is merely a beginning. Plattsburg will always be a name significant in American history. The Military Training Camps Association is an outgrowth of the Plattsburg idea and initiated the present plan of a series of training camps with the thought that each succeeding summer will see additional thousands of young men eager to use this means of preparation for national service; attending the first year a Red Camp to learn the elementary duties of a soldier; the second year a White Camp to qualify as a non-commissioned officer; the third year a Blue Camp to become a commissioned officer in the Reserve.

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THE BIG ONE GOT AWAY

A gay party left here last Saturday afternoon for a week end fishing trip at Lake Petite on the north end of Fox Lake. The trip was made in two cars and those in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jenkins and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sutter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Siebert, the Misses Grace Vivian and Ruth Gregory and Messrs. Frank Dewey, Arthur Iehl and Ed. Evart. A fine mess of pan fish were hooked and the big one, as usual, got away. Dennis Jenkins had the said big one on his line, played him to a finish and in landing him the line broke. It was a pickeral which would easily, from the description, tip the scales at eight pounds.

RESIGNATION OF CO. SUPT. BOWMAN ACCEPTED MONDAY

Board of Supervisors Has Not Named Successor but Expect to in Near Future.

County Superintendent of Schools C. B. Bowman formally presented his resignation to the Board of Supervisors at the regular meeting Monday, the 13th of June, to take effect June 30th. His resignation was accepted.

The appointment of a successor was postponed until the special meeting of the board to be held June 22, at which time the educational committee will be expected to make its recommendation.

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