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UPLIFTING PROGRAM CHAUTAUQUA WEEK DELIGHTED MANY

Unusual Lectures, Sweet Music and Diverse Entertainments Take Patrons Out of Rut.

"Success or Failure," so Harry L. Fogelman, the lecturer on Friday evening said, "is what each of us are." The chautauqua this year was an exception. Altho a little of a failure, it was this only from the financial or physical side, while morally and spiritually nothing greater has been in Downers Grove for some years.

As a character builder and moral lifter the chautauqua program this year is far in advance of everything else. In these pressing and difficult times nothing is more beneficial to a community than to have in its midst for a week, people who are broad-minded, talented, educated and possess that rarity of personality which brings into our lives that exuberant feeling that after all life is really worth while. This the chautauqua endeavors to do and has succeeded in filling our town with a new and invigorating spirit of push and strides for bigger things in the future. The Legion boys take this opportunity to thank all those who have so wholeheartedly worked and cooperated with them in their enterprise. Altho having lost a small sum and having spent much time in hard work they feel that their work has been well worth while and all those who attended the chautauqua have gained many fold the material value of the season ticket.

The Redpath Chautauqua Company brought to our town the best series of entertainments they have ever offered in their history as a chautauqua company. Starting with the Hippie Concert Company on last Thursday they ran thru five days of exquisite entertainment. George L. McNutt let loose in the evening with his "Dinner Pail" lecture and rocked those who heard him. On Friday Gretchen Cox and her artists filled the tent with high class music and scored a romping hit.

Fogelman a Big Hit.
In the evening Harry L. Fogelman, of Chicago, delivered a lecture that only one versed in the great topic of salesmanship, as he is, can give. "Gatling Gun" is no mean name for him and his auditors were spell bound with the vast and overwhelming truths he told. His talk will linger a long while and it is regretted that more did not hear him, as his salesmanship applies to us all. Each day brought on bigger and better things. (Continued on page 4)

HARRY FOSTERS HOSTS SUNDAY AT FAMILY REUNION

Dinner Served to Thirty-five in an Orchard South West of Downers Grove.

A very enjoyable gathering was held at the home of Harry Foster, southwest of town, last Sunday. Dinner was served to 35 people under the old apple trees. It was an ideal day for such a gathering, every one was hungry and enjoyed all the good things prepared for their entertainment. Several old time hymns headed by America were sung in concert by young and old, after the dinner was disposed of and after which all repaired to the house where more music followed. Mrs. R. E. Bateman acted as accompanist. There were solos, duets, trios and quartets.

The out of town guests were Mrs. T. F. Mueller, of Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Theron Potter and baby, and Clifford Potter, of Joliet, Dr. Pinch and twin daughters, of Hillsboro, Wis., who is a cousin of Mrs. T. F. Potter, and Russell Foster of Michigan City, Indiana.

The home guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Potter and daughter, Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Potter and daughter, Marjorie, Mrs. M. Druitt and Mr. W. W. Druitt, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Foster, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bateman and family and Miss Maude Bateman. All agreed that they had had a fine time and hoped that next year they could do it again.



This flea-bitten world is round like a very baseball, or like a nut, and is slightly fattened at the polls. There are more islands on it than fleas on a public pup and they are just about as hard to pick. Who ever thought Yap was an island? Everybody thought it was the noblest of all the beasts of the field—a man. Why is Yap? Nobody knows. Nobody knows why Rameses built the pyramids, or why the mound builders built the mounds or why Rockefeller built his whale of a fortune, but there they are. Why? We hope Congress can locate Yap and get the janitor to let Uncle Sam inspect it before he moves in for he might not want it when he gets it. The above cartoon by Alton Packard raps the Yap situation right where Yap yaps, wherever that is. Havalall!

WOMEN VOTERS TO PERFECT ORGANIZATION TUESDAY

First Officers to be Chosen and the Constitution and By-Laws to be Adopted.

"A Local League of Women Voters," non-partisan in politics and designed to acquaint women with things as they are in politics, local, state and national, will be perfected at a meeting at Library Hall next Tuesday afternoon, August 9th.

Committees appointed at the first meeting, two weeks ago, will make their reports.

A nominating committee: Mrs. J. F. Jenness, chairman, Mrs. C. B. Reed, Mrs. A. H. Barnhart, Mrs. F. C. Lancaster and Mrs. J. L. Remmers, will present names of those who will be placed in nomination for the officers posts.

One of the important details to be disposed of will be the adoption of a constitution and by-laws for the newly organized league. It will be presented by a committee composed of Mrs. A. R. Whitehorn, chairman, Mrs. H. S. Paine and Mrs. L. L. Hannum. An invitation is extended to every woman in Downers Grove and vicinity to be present at the meeting next Tuesday afternoon. If they are not acquainted with the aims and purposes of the women, this will be a chance to familiarize themselves.

FOR THIRTY-FIVE CENTS—RESULTS

One of the biggest features of our classified ads is the smallness of the cost. A minimum price of thirty-five cents (including all ads up to five lines) has been set. For this small sum houses have been sold; farms rented; real estate changed hands; baby buggies found new owners; furniture disposed of and so many business transactions completed that a full list is impossible. If you have anything around the house worth money, which you have no use for, thirty-five cents invested in a For Sale ad will find you a buyer. In this way you get rid of something useless to you and which the buyer has use for. There are very few cases where Reporter want ads have not paid for their insertion; these are so few as to be almost negligible. Try one.

REV. R. W. SCHLOERB FORMER ARMY CHAPLAIN, TO SPEAK HERE

Chautauqua Tent Crowded Last Sunday Night at Special Music and Speaking Service.

The service on next Sunday evening will be in charge of the First Evangelical Church. The speaker will be the Rev. Roland Schloerb, minister of the College Church, Naperville. The Rev. Mr. Schloerb is a graduate of Northwestern College and Evangelical Theological Seminary of Naperville. He has taken post-graduate work in Union Theological Seminary of New York City also in Chicago University and in Northwestern University of Evanston.

During the world war he served his country in the capacity of an army chaplain, joining the first division sent over seas, General Pershing's old division. He thus saw service with the men in the scenes of greatest action thru the offensive campaigns in which the American soldiers played a prominent part.

On his release from service he accepted the assistant pastorate of Central Park Baptist Church of New York City while taking post-graduate work at Union Theological Seminary.

He will speak Sunday on the theme "The Rhythmic Life." The concert given at the Chautauqua tent on Sunday evening, in connection with the Open Air Service of the Community Council, was a great success. The audience surpassed the fondest hopes of those who planned it, and the people were very appreciative.

The original plan was to bring the Chicago Civic Orchestra here, under the direction of Frederick Stock, but the expense was found to be more than could be met at present. However, the Chicago Civic Music Association cooperated to send some splendid artists. Mr. Frank Parker, the baritone, felt at home under the tent, as he has spent several seasons with the Redpath Bureau. He was ably supported by Miss Nesta Smith, violinist, and Miss Margaret Wilson at the piano.

Mr. Parker has a well trained voice, of good quality, and he was generous in his numbers. All of the selections were in English, in accordance with the plan of the Civic Music Association, who are trying to spread a love for American music. He gave us two of the Negro Spirit-

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SUDDEN DEATH OF JOSEPH MRKVICKA SHOCK TO FRIENDS

Proprietor of the East Grove Store Dies Following Appendicitis Operation Last Week.

Joseph Mrkvicka, proprietor of the East Grove Grocery and Market died at the Hahnemann hospital, Chicago, late last Friday afternoon, his death coming as a shock to his many friends in this vicinity. His passing followed an emergency operation for appendicitis last Tuesday morning after a few days illness.

Mr. Mrkvicka had been complaining for over a year of a pain in his right leg. He doctored with many physicians, none of whom could diagnose the case. He was always a strong, powerful man and his physical strength fought off the poison in his blood from a diseased appendix until the organ ruptured. He was rushed to the hospital at 4 o'clock last Tuesday morning and was on the operating table at 10. In spite of all that medical science could do, he quietly passed away at 5:10 the afternoon of July 29th.

Joseph Mrkvicka was born in Pisek, Bohemian Austria, March 23, 1880. With his parents he came to America when ten years old, settling in Chicago. July 1, 1912, he moved with his family to Downers Grove and in October of that year he opened a small grocery and market on Summit street near Fairmount avenue. Three and half years ago he bought the East Grove store and has greatly increased the business.

On January 16, 1907, he married Miss Emily Schovanec and five children were born to them, Mary, Wenel, Joseph, Jr., Edward and Alois, who with their mother remain to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. His mother, two brothers, Charles and James, of the village, and four sisters, Mrs. Noeth, of Downers Grove, Mrs. Volin, of North Chicago, Mrs. Porad, of Oak Park and Mrs. Vinopal, of Austin, Wis., also mourn his untimely departure.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Church Monday morning, the Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, the pastor, reading solemn requiem high mass. Burial was made at St. Bernard's cemetery, south of the village.

"OUR BOYS OVER THE TOP" ON THE CHAUTAUQUA FUND

Armistice Signed Through Display of Reserve Supply of Ammunition

The timely arrival of reinforcements prevented the loss of a sector in "the Battle of the Perforated Tent." Our valiant army of the American Legion had made a gallant fight and had about concluded that their efforts in bringing to our community a means of enjoyment, entertainment and uplift was not appreciated by the residents as a whole, when the said ammunition reserve put in its appearance.

The zero hour was 10:15 Tuesday—the last performance of the Chautauqua, next years visit of Redpath was practically assured by the pledges signed for season tickets as well as the contract by about 50 guarantors, but "Sector 1921" was still on the ragged edge, a deficit of \$300 for this season.

What to do about this deficit, how to dispose of it, was bothering many, besides the boys themselves, and so we, the following named just naturally decided to dig down and at least cover the net loss in the two years, 1920-1921, of about \$150.

C. K. Roe, Irving Heardt, John Gillespie, Louis Klein, Roy Behrel, Carl Staiger, Geo. Heardt, Victor Peterson, John Remmers, W. C. Lyman, Walter Curtis, Rev. A. S. Phelps, Gay Earnest, O. J. Dewey, J. Littleford, Mrs. Alex. Modjeska, Ralph Rasmussen, H. S. Paine, E. E. Schultz, Emrich Bros., Frank Kidwell, Sam Johnstone, B. E. Balezynski, T. J. Savage, H. J. Hawkins, Mrs. E. L. Cox, Al. Michel, C. W. Barnard, A. Miskelly, Dr. Worsley, W. W. Heintz, B. C. Downes, Mr. Vandorf, H. Wolfersheim, Geo. Bunge, H. Rigsbee, Mrs. Geo. Allison, Wm. Bogart.

This is a further demonstration to the American Legion that Downers Grove is alive to its responsibilities for what the boys have done and for their efforts, now that they are home, in bringing to our homes what is acknowledged as enlightening and inspiring entertainment.

There is no doubt but a good many more people would like to give their aid in this cause, but time did not permit, and only the following who were unable to be at Tuesday evening's performance, but who heard of the plan, immediately demanded that they be permitted to participate in this final skirmish to get over the top.

William Bender, A. P. Nelson, the Kidwell Garage, Henry Tank and one modest, retiring person who desired that his, her or its name be not mentioned but kept anonymous, which we are doing.

From nineteen of the above, \$90 in cash has come in and with payments to come from the others, will more than cover the \$150 we started out to garner.

Payments may be made to the American Legion Chautauqua Fund and sent direct or to Mr. B. E. Balezynski who will transmit them to the proper parties.

PREACHING AT HINSDALE

In the absence of the rector, the Rev. L. V. Ferguson, the Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will preach and conduct the Sunday morning services in Grace Church, Hinsdale, during the month of August.

IT APPLIES RIGHT HERE AT HOME

Louis Traxler, of the Louis Traxler Co., Dayton, Ohio, declared last week that he had no sympathy with the merchant who gives "hard times" as his excuse for not advertising. "I believe in advertising at all times," he said. "If times are bad, that is all the more reason to advertise. If you have confidence in your goods, advertise them to the limit. I, for one, am trying to overcome the effects of bad conditions in my city by advertising and my efforts are meeting with success." What applies in Dayton, Ohio, applies in Downers Grove. Business is business, the world over and advertising is as essential a part of business as a place to do business in. Reporter advertising brings results. Your fall and winter campaign should be outlined now.

VILLAGE BUYS TWO FAIRBANKS MORSE OIL ENGINE UNITS

Contract for the Engines and Complete Electrical Equipment Closed Monday.

Within ninety days Downers Grove will have an excess of power for the manufacture of electricity. This was assured last Monday night when the Village Council closed the contract for the purchase of two 200 horse power Fairbanks Morse engines with complete electrical equipment.

The new units will be four-cylinder, oil burning "type Y" engines. They will have a speed of 257 revolutions per minute; the cylinder bore is 14 inches and the piston stroke 17 inches. They will be direct connected to 170 K. V. A. 2300 volt, 60 cycle electric generators and exciters.

With this equipment the power plant will have a unit on the floor ready to throw in when any emergency arises. In the past the rated capacity of the plant has just about been equal to the demands made upon it by consumers. The large number of electrical appliances installed in the village during the past few years have eaten up the "juice" as fast as it could be made. Then, too, more and more power installations have been made until it was almost impossible to supply the demand for electricity. It is estimated that the new installations will supply the demand for at least ten years and that no new equipment will be necessary for at least that length of time.

When the Fairbanks Morse engines are installed there will be four oil burners at the plant. One of the Snow engines will be taken down and sold, the other kept for an independent emergency unit. Then the 160 horse Busch-Sulzer Diesel and the two semi-Diesel Fairbanks Morse units will make a municipal power plant capable of taking care of many consumers.

The equipment will cost the village completely installed in the neighborhood of \$30,000. It will not be necessary to build an addition or make any alterations on the present building, the new engines being installed in the room made by tearing down the Snow.

Settlement of the task of buying the new engines takes a load off the minds of the Village Council. They have been wrestling with the problem for months. They have investigated many engines, made trips around the vicinity looking at power plants and questioning those in charge. The result of their investigations led them to the belief that the Fairbanks installation was the best for the money.

WIRELESS MUSIC TO BE USED BY LOCAL DANCERS

Radio Club Planning Hop for Early Fall — To Relay Messages Free of Charge.

The "Downers Grove Radio Amateur Association" made up of young fellows to the number of twenty-five, all interested in the wonders of wireless telegraphy, are planning a unique dance for early fall. It will be a "wireless dance." The music will be played by an orchestra in Chicago, wireless to the Grove and reproduced loud enough to dance by. Alternate numbers will probably be played by a Downers Grove orchestra.

The boys don't say whether the wireless music will put any more shocks into the present "jazz" dancing than there are now, but we imagine that it will be easier to "shimmy" to music that comes zig-zagging through the air. In any case it will be a very interesting experience to dance to music played twenty miles away.

The coming winter, messages will be relayed to any part of the United States free of charge through the American Radio Relay League. Any person wishing to take advantage of this is invited to do so. In most cases the messages will be delivered within several hours, be the destination Omaha, New York or Los Angeles and everything will be free of charge to demonstrate the value of amateur wireless.