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DAN DIENER NEW POST COMMANDER AMERICAN LEGION

Officers of Local Post Chosen at the Annual Banquet Wednesday Evening.

Dan Diener was chosen as the new commander of Alexander Bradley Burns Post, No. 80, American Legion at the annual banquet held Wednesday evening in the dining room of the Masonic Hall.

The other officers elected were: A. W. Abbott, Vice Commander. Harvey Littleford, Adjutant. John Mochel, Post Treasurer. Walter Johnstone, Finance Officer.

Ex-service men numbering nearly seventy-five attended the banquet which was cooked and served by the Auxiliary of the Post. Knowing the appetites of the boys, the women had prepared plenty and the hungry ex-doughboys and gobs did full justice to the meal.

Before, during and after the supper the Marigold Trio, who have before assisted at Legion occasions, furnished music both tuneful and funny. Miss Gwen Griffiths and Robert Dickson, two of the most popular of the local singers, favored with selections. They tried to beg off, but the popular demand was so great, that they were forced to comply.

Jay Allison, retiring commander of the local post, made a short talk thanking the members for their support and asking that the new commander receive the united backing of the membership. He was followed by Emery Klein, past adjutant and Grant Nash, past treasurer.

The Rev. Gilbert H. Newland, pastor of the Methodist Church and a member of the post, asked the opinion of those present regarding the observance of Armistice Day by the local churches. He said that it had been suggested that the seven churches of the village take turns in having an Armistice Day service either the Sunday before or the Sunday after November 11th each year.

The first business of the post, after the new commander had taken the gavel, was the question of dues. Following considerable discussion the question was settled by fixing the dues at \$5.00 per year, payable at the first of the year. This is a reduction of \$4.00 as the dues heretofore have been \$9.00 per annum.

PAUL VIX BREAKS LEG IN CONTEST AGAINST FRIARS

Locals Win Exciting 13 to 12 Game Last Sunday Afternoon From Strong Opponents.

Paul Vix is laid up at his home in Grove street with a broken leg sustained in the football game last Sunday afternoon between the local Legion team and the strong Oak Park Friars, in which the former won after an exciting game by the score of 13 to 12.

Following the accident Vix was immediately rushed to the Hinsdale Sanitarium where an x-ray developed the fact that one of the larger bones of the lower leg was fractured in a zig-zag fashion and that the bone had sprung back into place after being broken. He was taken home under the care of Dr. Tope and it will be at least six weeks before he is able to be out.

In the same game George Cline was knocked out and is wearing a pretty "shiner" as memento of the game.

The Oak Park Friars is one of the strongest teams of their weight in this vicinity. The game Sunday was as exciting as football games ever are, and the crowd was kept on its toes every minute by the unexpected developments.

Next Sunday the Legion eleven will meet the Oakwin A. C. club from Chicago. The team is well balanced and they are playing real football. They deserve the support of the sport lovers of the village. Come out next Sunday afternoon and help root them to victory.

THREE HUNDRED ATTEND ANNUAL M. E. S. BANQUET

Dr. J. S. Ladd Thomas, of Chicago, Gave Inspirational Talk on Tuesday Evening.

Three hundred members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School attended the annual banquet in the church parlors, Tuesday evening. It was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given by that body and those who attended were more than repaid.

Dr. J. S. Ladd Thomas, of Chicago, was the principle speaker of the evening. He gave an inspirational address which was much appreciated and applauded. Dr. Thomas is pastor of the First M. E. Church, of Austin, and his talk had back of it many years experience in ministerial and Sunday School work.

Donald Drew entertained with a piano selection in his usual pleasing manner. Miss Newton sang a solo and the Misses Marjorie Whiffen and Anthony rendered a duet. The music was up to the high standard set in the church and Sunday School work of the M. E. here, and was greatly enjoyed.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BACK CO. REPRESENTATION

Call Attention to Fact That Chicago Will Soon Dominate the State of Illinois.

The League of Women Voters wishes to bring before the people of Downers Grove the COUNTY REPRESENTATION PLAN which they expect to come before the next legislature at Springfield.

Under the present system of representation based on population, Cook County with its metropolis, Chicago, has ever increasing voice over the other counties. When our present constitution was written Cook County had eight per cent of the state's population—it now has forty-eight. At this rate of increase it is evident that with representation based on numbers people of Cook County in time will practically govern the entire state. It is to avoid this that the County Representation Plan is urged.

County representation—in brief—provides that there shall be equal representation from all counties in both houses. There are four states besides Illinois each having a single city containing nearly half of the population of the state. New York, Delaware and Rhode Island. In all these the state's constitution limits the representation of these cities in both of the state legislatures.

Twenty three states have county representation.

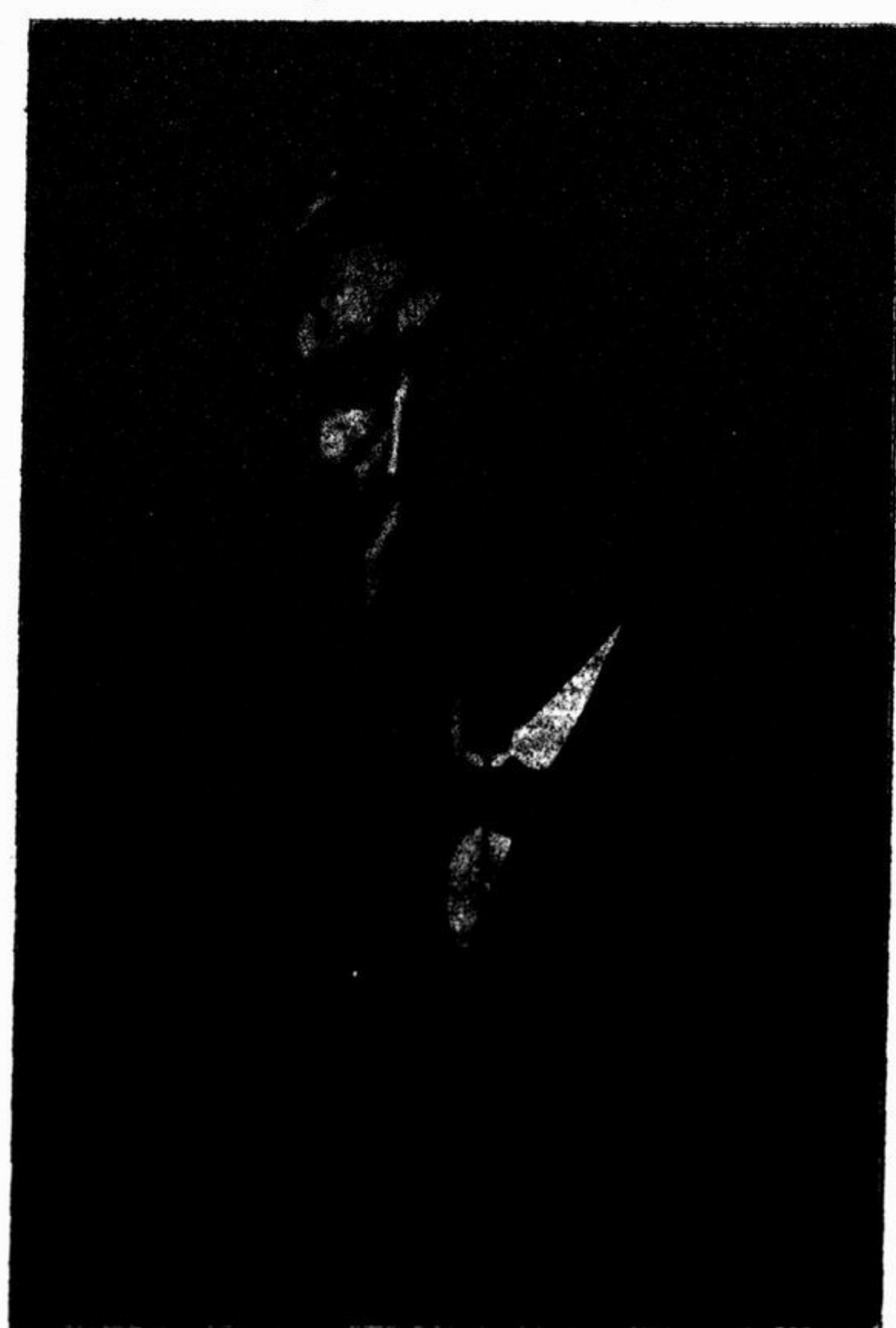
A compromise plan limiting Cook County in the senate only has been introduced but this can never prove satisfactory. We will tell you why next week.

The League of Women Voters will hold their regular meeting the fourth Tuesday of this month, October 25th, in Library Hall. A speaker from the Chicago office of the League will address the women. Every woman in the community is invited.

Miss Grace Nicholes, Chairman of the Committee of Efficiency in Gov. (Continued on Page 8)

AND RESULTS OUR CLASSIFIEDS

One of our fellow townsmen, who has sold his property here and expects to leave soon, advertised in week before last Reporter a long list of articles he had for sale. When asked what results he had had, he replied, "You know this isn't the first time in my experience that I have used advertising, but I can frankly say that the results I received from that classified last week beat any results I ever had from advertising in any publication." Coming from this man, whom we know would not say anything like that unless he really meant it, and from one who knows something of the advertising game from the standpoint of experience, the words were more than gratefully received. Try our Classifieds. They pay!



April 16, '40 Charles Blair Blodgett Oct. 15, '21

Charles Blair Blodgett

Eighty-one years ago, April 16th, 1840, Charles Blair Blodgett first saw the light through the windows of a rude log cabin, one of the few houses in a small hamlet on what was then the Chicago-Ottawa trail. Last Saturday night, October 15th, 1921, a chapter in the book of his life closed when he breathed his last at the old homestead in the house built and occupied by him on the site of the log cabin which saw his birth.

All his life he had known no other home. From it he bade farewell to father and mother, brothers and sisters. To it he brought his wife the year after the close of the Civil War. There his boys were born and reared. There he pursued his chosen occupation. There were the fruits and flowers he loved, the garden and the fields he cultivated. There were his greatest joys and there his greatest sorrow at the departure of his wife, his companion, for fifty-four years.

To few is it given to witness from beneath their own vine and fig tree, such a procession of years as swept before his eyes. Ox carts and prairie schooners replaced by locomotives, automobiles and aeroplanes; scythe and cradle giving way to mower and reaper; tallow dip succeeded by electric lights; deep rutted wheel tracks changing to paved roads; civilization growing beneath his gaze. Yet Charles B. Blodgett was no idle spectator as the years and their changes rolled on. From his early manhood until almost his latest breath, he took an active interest in affairs, and for more than half a century he was a recognized leader in civic activities. For thirty-five years he served as a member of the DuPage County Board of Supervisors and in that capacity had principal charge of the erection of the County Court House at Wheaton. For a number of years he served on the Village Board of Downers Grove and for twenty-five years was a member of the Board of Education of the village.

Capable and energetic, his ambition instead of seeking distant fields, was content to do the duty that lay nearest. His home, his neighbors, his village, his township and his county, gave full exercise to his endeavor and the love and esteem in which he was held in every field that knew him gave evidence that his efforts were not wasted. So when word came that he had journeyed onward his friends remembered. Eyes grew moist and thoughts turned back to deeds of kindness which had marked the years when he was here. That love and that esteem reflected on the faces of those who gathered at his funeral Tuesday afternoon.

Out on the lawn beside the spreading trees where he so often had greet-

ed them they met in tribute to his memory. The day was such a one as he had loved. The sun shone brightly on the autumn glory of the leaves and every where was visible some mute reminder of the absent one.

From the open door came strains of music and with the words "So long Thy power hath led me, sure it still will lead me on"—a hush fell on the assemblage. Then with feeling Bishop Samuel Fallows, his long time friend, in simple words but with the eloquence of sincerity paid tribute to him who lay asleep beneath the roof tree that so long had sheltered him. "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help"—read the Bishop and then called to mind the good deeds of his friend. Lovingly he referred to the services rendered to the community in which he lived, and the county, that larger community of which he was a part. Gently he touched on his departure at the autumn season when leaves glow in their farewell colors, and proudly he proclaimed his entry into the larger life.

He spoke of the devotion of his friend to duty; his constant response to the call of the needy; his loyalty to home and country, to the Boys of Sixty One and to the boys of the great war. "We of the Civil War never had a better friend," said the speaker, "and his love and loyalty was extended to our boys who took their part in the Great War."

The closing prayer was offered by the Reverend Arthur S. Phelps. Interment was in the New West Side cemetery beside the resting place of his beloved wife. Prominent among those who attended the funeral service were a score of Grand Army men who had enjoyed the friendship of Mr. Blodgett through the years since the war and the place he held in the hearts of the soldiers of the Great War was testified to by a beautiful floral tribute from the American Legion of DuPage County. Other organizations and many friends showed their regard with similar offerings.

Virtually all the county officials attended the ceremony and friends from other towns joined with his neighbors in tribute to his memory. Among the relatives from out of town who attended the funeral were Ernest Clintman, his wife, Mrs. Elaine Clintman, granddaughter of Mr. Blodgett, and their small daughter, Betty, great granddaughter; Mrs. Clarence Burley and Mrs. Amy Moore of Chicago, and Miss Margaret Blodgett, of St. Louis, his niece; and Mrs. Lucy Webster, of Hinsdale. Charles Blair Blodgett was the

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SET DATE NEXT WEEK FOR TRIAL OF JACOB KLEIN

Attorneys Get Change of Venue From Judge Cliffe and Want a Speedy Hearing.

Attorneys for Jacob Klein, charged by the state with the murder of Leo Numann, of Chicago, on Sunday evening, October 25th, appeared before Judge Adam C. Cliffe in the Circuit Court at Wheaton Wednesday and asked for a change of venue. Their request was granted and Judge Irwin will be the Circuit Judge to hear the case.

Klein's attorneys, who were unsuccessful in their efforts to get bail for their client, are now asking for a speedy trial. A conference will be held next Tuesday and the date for the trial fixed.

Just when the case will be opened is not known, but it is expected that it will be brought to the front of the calendar and heard early in November.

Interest in the case throughout the county, Klein being a well known cattle buyer and farmer, is paramount. This fact, and the galaxy of attorneys on each side it is thought, will draw record breaking crowds to hear the case.

MINISTER'S UNION APPOINTS SPEAKER FOR THANKSGIVING

Union Service to be Held at Grove Street Evangelical Church at Ten-Thirty A. M.

A meeting of the Downers Grove Ministers Union was held last week at the home of the president, the Rev. Wm. Grotsfeld. All the ministers were present.

Action was taken designating Rev. Arnold Kehrl, latest addition to the ministers union, as the speaker and the Grove Street Evangelical Lutheran church as the place for the annual Thanksgiving service to be held 10:30 A. M. on Thanksgiving Day.

The evangelistic program for Chicago and suburbs as adopted by the Chicago Church Federation was outlined by Rev. A. S. Phelps. Motion was made by Rev. Nansen that we, as a Ministerial Union of Downers Grove, work in harmony with the plan of the Chicago Church Federation in our church programs for the months before us culminating at Easter tide. This motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Union features of church publicity personal workers conferences and meetings for men only shall be utilized while each individual church shall conduct special Lenten services as it deems advisable.

It is probable that Lenten services will be conducted in all the churches simultaneously.

After some discussion of our need for more of religious education of community scope motion was made by Rev. Gilbert Newland that Daily Vacation Bible School work be conducted next summer under the auspices of the Ministerial Union. The ministers, in consultation with the superintendents of the Sunday School shall determine upon the curriculum and appoint the teachers and superintendent. The school will open on the first Monday after the Fourth of July. This motion was seconded by Rev. Kehrl and carried unanimously.

A COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

To be successful, a "Community Newspaper" must be the organ of no one faction, no one group of men and women, nor one religious body. It must be the means of disseminating news and information regarding all phases of the community it serves and then only can it be regarded as successful. This is what we are trying to accomplish in THE REPORTER. Not yet can we say that we have achieved that long-sought for state known as "success." We can, however, truthfully say that we are on the right road and that from month to month and year to year, our paper (your paper would be better) is getting to be more and more an ideal "COMMUNITY" paper. Help us make it so. Suggestions are always appreciated.

"ALCOHOLISM IS WORLD'S MENACE" SAYS CAPT. HOBSON

Packed House at First Evangelical Church Last Sunday Night Heard Great Talk.

Capt. R. P. Hobson, hero of the Spanish-American war, one time member of Congress and prohibition orator and organizer par excellence, delivered his great prohibition talk, "The Crisis" to a packed house at the First Evangelical church last Sunday night.

Capt. Hobson came here under the auspices of the Downers Grove Ministers Union. He is a speaker for the Anti-Saloon League and is engaged now in the formation of that organization's larger vision, "The World League Against Alcoholism."

"Dry America is now the hope of the world. If America succeeds in the task and brings about a sober world, a new era of prosperity and happiness, of freedom and good will, of justice and right will come over the world in which we ourselves and all other nations will share the benefits. If we fail in the task, America will be drawn deeper into the next world convulsion than it was drawn into the recent one, in which we sacrificed about 100,000 lives and over thirty billions of America's treasure. "Since the war, Europe is plunging still deeper into the alcoholic current. If nothing is done, a further disintegration will be due before long in which bonds will be broken, not only between nations but also between classes and groups within classes. Revolution and anarchy within nations will accompany wars without, being a repetition on a world-wide scale of the bloody days of the decadence of Rome, when Roman civilization went down to its doom.

"The World League Against Alcoholism is a national organization composed of temperance representatives of most of the leading foreign nations banded with American prohibitionists to carry on the fight against alcoholism in all parts of the world.

"Its chief object of course is to secure law enforcement in America, so that this country can with justice be pointed to as the first great civilized nation to stamp out the liquor traffic. Its second objective is to educate the other countries of the world so that dry sentiment will increase with scientific knowledge and the liquor traffic will be driven from the face of the earth."

REBEKAH'S ENTER- TAINED GLEN EL- LYN TUESDAY

Pleasant Get-Together Was Held in Lodge Hall With Northern Neighbors.

Last Tuesday evening, October 17, Bluebird Rebekah Lodge was hostess to Prospect Lodge of Glen Ellyn. Nearly forty members of the order from that lodge came to Downers Grove to pay a friendly return call, as the local body attended at Glen Ellyn some weeks ago.

There was no degree work on so the Bluebirds could not show their ability in that line but the flag drill was warmly received. After a short lodge session a little entertainment was furnished the visitors. Mr. Harold Beidelman and Mr. William Smith favored with vocal solos and then followed a half hour of mystic entertainment by Martini, the local sleight of hand performer. He gave an excellent exhibition of the art of fooling the eye, especially with cards, at which stunt he is a past master. Martini is a local product and has made quite a reputation with his work. He has a large number of card tricks up his sleeve, (or wherever he keeps the cards) and had the audience in an uproar.

After the entertainment luncheon was served in the dining room of the lodge hall and a spirit of sociability pervaded the atmosphere during the rest of the evening.