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ANOTHER MELON CUT BY LOCAL XMAS SAVERS

Farmers & Merchants and First National Banks Sending Christmas Spending Money.

Another big Christmas melon is being cut this week by the First National and the Farmers & Merchants banks. They are now busy making out and sending the checks on their "Christmas Savings Clubs" which have been running since the middle of last December.

Nearly \$20,000 is being cut up this year among the people who have saved it by a systematic putting in the bank of a few jitties a week. This is \$4,000 more than a year ago and \$8,000 more than was checked out in 1919 when \$12,000 was thought to be a large amount. It is thought that at least \$25,000 will be the total next year.

Under this plan of saving are several different classes. One may start with a penny, for instance, and add a penny to the original one each week, thus 2, the second, 3, the third and so on until the fifty weeks are gone. Or a start may be made with 2 cents, 5, 10 or more. There is also the opposite to this plan whereby the largest amount is paid first and a drop of 1, 2, 3, or 10 cents made in each week's payments. There is also another alternative. One may start with a stipulated amount as 10, 25 or 50 cents or \$1.00 or up and pay the same amount each week.

At the end of the club, or the fifty weeks have gone by, interest on the "average" amount is added by the bank and the saver is rewarded with a check to help meet the demands of that Christmas gift.

Although the original idea of these clubs was to have money for Christmas buying, Mr. Curtiss of the First National Bank says that about fifty per cent of the money is put right into regular savings accounts.

Both banks are now starting clubs to be paid out next December and both expect the amount to be much larger than this year. To the person who has not been saving, the idea is one which will appeal.

SIXTY DOLLARS REALIZED FROM JAPANESE SALE

Fund Sufficient to Purchase Dishes for Serving School Lunches Realized, Saturday.

The Parent-Teacher Association were ably assisted in their effort to serve hot lunches in the schools by the sale and Japanese Tea given by the Neighborhood Club at the Junior Elementary School building last Saturday afternoon. The ladies had received quite a large consignment of Japanese goods which they sold at prices sufficiently low to make every customer pleased that he or she came aside from the knowledge that they were helping along a community cause. The Japanese goods were in the hands of Mrs. Ballard Waples, Mrs. Georgia McClure, Mrs. J. P. Mitchell, Mrs. George Wells, and Mrs. W. J. O'Neill. Tea was served by Mrs. W. F. James, Mrs. W. C. Barber, Mrs. Alice Heckman, Mrs. E. R. Dunnagan, Mrs. J. D. Gillespie and Mrs. W. H. Ray.

The sum of sixty dollars was realized which was sufficient to pay for dishes and cooking equipment to start the serving of hot lunches.

Tuesday the first lunch was served to about seventy five children. The first menu was hot cocoa, Macaroni and sandwiches. The menu will be varied from day to day. The idea is of course to assist the children who bring lunches to have a hot dish or drink each day during the bad weather. The cost is very small as no effort is made to realize any profit—simply handle it so that it is self supporting and make the prices the lowest possible to that end.

CHAS. C. PARKS OPENS MENDOTA STORE FEB. 1st

Manager of Local McAllister Store Takes Six Year Lease on Large Building.

Charles C. Parks, who for the past year and a half has been the manager of the H. E. McAllister & Co. dry goods store, closed a deal last week whereby he will start a similar business of his own in Mendota. Mr. Parks has been in the dry goods line for many years, he is an aggressive merchant, a great believer in advertising, a window trimmer and should build a fine business in his new location.

He has taken a six year lease on one of the largest stores in Mendota and will stock it with a complete, new line of dry goods and ready-to-wear apparel for women. His resignation takes effect here about the first of January and his Mendota store will be open February first.

During his stay in the village he has made many friends and has increased the business of this store many times. We are sorry to see him leave.

MINIATURE "ART INSTITUTE" IS AT GROVE ST. SCHOOL

Exceptional Exhibition of Colored Prints and Photos Open to the Public.

An exceptional exhibition of colored prints and photographs is taking place in Downers Grove under the auspices of the Kindergarten Extension Association. The great majority of the 130 pictures are made in the Junior Elementary School, some of them at the Public Library, and one in each room of the North and South Side Schools.

The pictures have been assembled and are circulated by the American Federation of Arts of New York City. Many of the subjects are suitable for the decoration of homes and schools, and American subjects outnumber all the others combined, but excellent examples of prints in color are shown from England, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

The pictures are purchasable and range in price from \$4.00 to \$25.00. The majority sell for \$10.00 or less.

In order to give every one in the village an opportunity to enjoy a small "Art Institute" in our midst, the Junior Elementary School will be open from 2:30 to 6:00 o'clock Saturday and Sunday afternoon of this week and next, December 10 and 11, 17 and 18.

ASSISTED AT RECITAL

Mrs. Philip Weinheimer assisted the pupils of Mr. Walter Spry in a recital at the Columbia School of Music, Chicago, last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Weinheimer gave a group of three beautiful songs which were received with great enthusiasm. A number of local women attended the recital. Mrs. Weinheimer is backing and instrumental in the formation of a community chorus with Mr. Thos. Pape as the director. The first meeting was held last night at Library Hall. Mr. Pape is the director of the Marshall Field choral society and is well known in music circles.

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.

CHRISTMAS SEALS SOLD HERE BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Hot Lunches Served by P.-T. Assn. Are Decidedly Popular—School Notes.

The sale of Red Cross stamps in Downers Grove has been put in charge of the grade pupils of our public schools. Each room in grades three to eight inclusive has been given its quota to dispose of.

The various rooms are selecting ten or more of their own number as solicitors who will have the actual sales in hand. The others are acting as assistants. As a spur to this sale the local Woman's Club—Mrs. M. H. Prince, chairman, have offered to the room proving the best salesmen a fine picture to be their permanent gift. This is an opportunity for children to share in and become interested in community welfare work of a most deserving type. They will not be refused when they ask you to buy these stamps to affix to your holiday letters and packages as an indication of your loyalty to the unfortunate.

Glen Gregory, Richard Drees, and Mr. Brown made the table tops, horseshoes and benches which we use in serving the merry crowd of lunch carriers on the third floor. These tables will seat comfortably 75 children without using any class room. This is an advantage because the glass rooms are then in order and free from the necessary lunch room suggestions at all times and the hall way may be cleaned when convenient.

On the first morning hot cocoa, sandwiches and spaghetti and cheese were served to 70 children.

Tickets representing one service of each article on the menu are sold to the pupils of every room in the South Side school for 5 cents on their arrival in the morning. A requisition

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AMERICAN LEGION'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DECEMBER 16 AND 17

Many Beautiful Gift Articles to be on Display in Dicke's Hall Next Week.

Christmas gifts in endless profusion, raffles of eatables, hams, bacon, potatoes and the like, with a beautiful floor lamp as the big prize, will be on display at the second annual Christmas bazaar of the local Legion post to be held next Friday and Saturday evenings at Dicke's Hall.

Taking into consideration the success of the affair last year, and the fact that many requests had been made for another bazaar this year, the ex-service men have decided to repeat. Booths will line the hall and articles of value will be on display suitable for Christmas gifts for old and young.

There will be home made candy, and the "store" kind, cigars and fancy work, live chickens and cured hams, everything will be on sale.

The Legion Auxiliary is helping in the planning of the affair and several of the members will preside at the booths.

\$258.15 COLLECTED HERE IN ANNUAL RED X ROLL CALL

Mrs. Elisha Morgan Had Charge of the Membership Drive in the Community.

Mrs. Elisha Morgan, who this year had charge of the annual Red Cross roll call in this community, reports that \$258.15 was collected for memberships this year. The roll call was from November 11 to 24 and was extended here a few days to care for additional pledges.

The amount collected this year is far in excess of that last when \$55 was the total collected in memberships in this community.

LEGION SERVICE DIRECTOR SPEAKS HERE ON MONDAY

A. C. Lindberg, of State Staff, Tells of Fight with Government for Compensation.

A. C. Lindberg, Illinois State Service Director, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the local Legion post to be held next Monday evening, December 12 in the Legion rooms, Belmont and Forest avenues.

Mr. Lindberg is the man on whose shoulders rests the big task of trying to get the government to recognize the claims of wounded and incapacitated ex-service men. He has been on the job for two years and what he doesn't know about law and it is to get a valid claim through the proper bureaus and really get action, isn't worth telling. Every ex-service man in the community can get something from his talk and should make it a special point to be there.

A. C. Marriott Spoke Monday. Arthur C. Marriott, chairman of the DuPage County executive committee of the Legion, was the speaker at a meeting held Monday night.

Mr. Marriott expressed his conception of what the Legion should do in the life of the community; he told what the county posts are doing and urged the local members to get behind their officers here in a drive for service in 1922.

Landis Speaks Tonight. Judge K. M. Landis, one of the greatest figures which ever graced a Federal bench, will be the speaker at a get-together of the Legion posts along the Burlington at Western Springs tonight. Every Legionnaire of the community is invited and to say they will bear a great talk from Judge Landis is putting it rather mild.

Besides the speaker of the evening, there will be an entertaining number from each post represented and cats.

BLUEBIRD LODGE, REBEKAHS, ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1922

Mrs. Mae Ostewig Re-Elected Head of Local Lodge—Mildred Cox Chosen Vice Grand.

Bluebird Rebekah Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F., held its semi-annual election of officers Tuesday evening. The following officers were chosen for the first six months in 1922.

Mae Ostewig, Noble Grand; Mildred Cox, Vice Grand; Elsie Benson, Recording Secretary; Madge Kettering, Financial Sec.; Daisy Brunson, Treasurer; C. J. Winters, Deputy.

Mrs. Ostewig was re-elected a Noble Grand of the lodge and will serve her second term in that capacity.

Being the young and secret order in the village, Bluebird Lodge has made an enviable record during the past year and a half. They have initiated many candidates, have a degree team worthy of note and have been congratulated by members of the order in the vicinity and the President of the District Assembly for their efficiency in the work.

LEGION-AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY WED. DECEMBER 28

Plans Being Made for Good Time at Legion Rooms—Ex-Service Men are Invited.

Every ex-service man of the community, whether or not he is affiliated with the American Legion, are invited to the Legion-Auxiliary Christmas Party to be held in the Legion rooms on Wednesday evening December 28. This is the second annual party and plans are rapidly being developed to insure a good time.

Committees from the Legion and from the Auxiliary are now perfecting arrangements.

ANNUAL MEETING OF GROVE LODGE A.F. & A.M. TONIGHT

Vesta Chapter, O. E. S., to Elect 1922 Officers Next Tuesday at Annual Meeting.

Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., will hold its annual meeting and election of officers in the Masonic Hall tonight, Friday, December 9. Reports of officers and committees for the past year and other important business will be discussed.

Vesta Chapter, No. 242, Order of the Eastern Star, holds its annual meeting for the election of officers for 1922 next Tuesday evening, December 13. Reports of officers and committees will also be read.

Both of these organizations have had the most successful years in their history. Petitions have been received and candidates initiated at almost every meeting until now they have memberships greatly in excess of other communities of this state. Harmony has prevailed and both societies go into the year 1922 with records of past achievements and bright visions for the future.

OFFICERS FOR GROVE CHAPTER WERE ELECTED

Leon E. Stinson Exalted High Priest for Ensuing Year—Installation is Soon.

Leon E. Stinson was elected as Exalted High Priest of Grove Chapter, No. 230, Royal Arch Masons, at the annual meeting of that organization last Thursday evening. Mr. Stinson was advanced to the highest office in the Chapter after working up through the various stations.

Installation of the new officers will be held some time this month and the members, we understand, will receive due and timely notice that they may be present.

Following is the list of officers for the year 1922:

Leon E. Stinson	E. H. P.
M. A. Sullivan	King
A. B. Whitehorn	Scribe
E. H. Huntington, Jr.	Treasurer
H. F. Legenhausen	Secretary
Theodore Drutsky, Jr.	Chaplain
D. Harry Jenkins	C. of H.
R. E. Balesynski	P. S.
C. F. Knoblauch	R. A. C.
L. Haebich	M. 3 V.
M. E. Coleman	M. 2 V.
Walter Rogers	M. 1 V.
Harry S. Green	Steward
N. C. Iverson	Marshal
W. J. Beidelman	Sentinel

PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY

The Downers Grove friend of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Manney, of LaGrange, was greatly shocked by the news of Mr. Manney's sudden death on a Burlington train on Monday morning shortly after leaving LaGrange to go to business in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Manney lived in Downers Grove for several years and made many warm friends. Mr. Manney was highly respected by his business associates. The funeral was held on Wednesday at the Episcopal Church in LaGrange, and interment was at Hinsdale in the family lot.

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 winter and spring campaign should be outlined now.

KLEIN CASE INTO JURY HANDS BY TONIGHT, BELIEF

Court Room is Crowded at all Sessions—Final Pleas are to be Made Early.

It is believed that the fate of Jacob Klein, being tried in the Circuit Court at Wheaton for the death of Leo Neumann, of Chicago, last September, will be in the hands of the jury tonight.

All the evidence in the case has been entered, witnesses examined, rebuttal testimony taken and State's Attorney Chauncey Reed and one of his assistants, Russel Kerney, of Naperville, have made their pleas to the jury.

Starting this morning the defense will sum up the case for their client. It is thought former State's Attorney Chas. W. Hadley, one of the defense attorneys will be the first to speak. He will be followed by Harvey Gursel, of Aurora, criminal lawyer with a reputation, also for the defense.

T. Harry Slusser, formerly of Downers Grove, assisting with the prosecution, will make the final plea for the state. It is believed that everything to be said will have been said by the time court adjourns for the evening and that the case will go into the hands of the jury. Just how long they will be out and the probable verdict is hard to even estimate. Sufficient to say that the men on that body are following the case very closely.

They are Fred Towseley, Stanley J. Brown, T. F. Kelly, Emory Brunson and George Hensley, of Downers Grove; Jos. P. Davenport and H. F. Davis, of Wheaton; Herman Wagner and H. H. Korthauer, of Bensenville; M. A. Lies, of Bloomington; Chas. Hammond, Wayne, and Jos. Sergeas, York.

The court room has been crowded for every session of the case. Friends of the defendant, of Neumann, of the attorneys and the people just interested in the case have appeared day after day.

Sergeas, the last man on the jury was nicked soon after court opened last Friday morning. Almost immediately the first witness was called to the stand and a hard fight has been in progress ever since.

RIFLE CLUB NOW SHOOTING IN GYM WED. EVENINGS

Target Enthusiasts Getting Ready to Challenge Rifle Clubs of the Vicinity.

The Downers Grove Rifle Club held its first shoot of the winter in the school gymnasium on Wednesday evening and will hold a regular weekly shoot in the gym every Wednesday night.

There are in the village many men who are expert with the small bore target rifle. They have the invitation from the enthusiasts who are members of the rifle club to attend any of the shoots, get acquainted with the fellows and join "the gang."

Most of the members of the old Company H shooting team which won the cup against the keenest competition, are members of the club. They can hit the little bulls eye an unbelievable number of times out of a hundred tries and are now practicing up to get into some regular competition. They are too good for most of the outfits in the vicinity and are thinking of entering several matches in Chicago.

ANNOUNCEMENT

"The Dust of the Earth," a four act drama, will be given by the Downers Grove Baptist Young Peoples Society, Tuesday and Thursday December 27 and 29. The admission is free except for an offering which will be taken; the proceeds of which will go to the "Oak Forest Infirmary," of Chicago.