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"AFRICAN LEGION MAKES MERRY AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Medals Distributed to Members of
Rifle Team—Officers Elect-
ed for Year.

Starting with one of the best "chows" ever served in the G. A. R. hall, the annual meeting of the Veterans Association of Co. H., I. R. M., "African Legion," Tuesday evening, was a merry success.

Songs, music, speeches, talks, "razzling" and the bringing in of a prisoner, not to mention the handing out of medals, were the high lights of the evening.

B. E. Balczynski, who Captained the company during the days of the "African war," and the first Commander of the Veteran Corps, acted as toastmaster. His first act, following the chow, was to call on Major John P. Hobbs, of Riverside, who led the "Q" battalion, for a few remarks. The Major is one officer who can have anything he wants from the men who served under him, especially those who were on the rolls of Co. H.

He made a short talk, again telling the boys that he'd sooner come to the Grove than anywhere, and then pinned medals on the coats of the men who made up the rifle team which captured and held against all comers the silver challenge cup of the Second Regiment. Those who received the bronze medals were: W. F. Heintz, Frank Kidwell, John Cated, H. C. Chambers, John Bryan, John Bolshy, S. T. Stephens, Geo. S. MacDougall, Chas. Kester and W. W. Henderson.

Harry Shusser, of Chicago, made a few remarks when called on and the reception given this "Downers Grove boy" is an indication of the esteem held for him by his friends in the old town.

Election of officers for the new term was the final business of the evening. Those elected were:

Ed Huntington, Commander.
Frank Kidwell, Vice-Commander.
Edw. Lacey, Secretary.
M. King Bush, Treasurer.

Chairman of the Committees as follows: Finance, B. C. Downes; Auditing, T. F. Kelly; Social, Stanley J. Brown and Publicity, W. J. Staats.

Burr C. Downes was re-appointed as Chairman by the newly elected Commander as a recognition of the meritorious service he has rendered in this capacity at the two annual banquets which are now history.

Corporate for three minutes, and private for life" Henry Tank, attended the meeting following chow, for a few minutes. He stayed just long enough to deliver a few remarks and the manner of his entrance was one of the hits of the evening.

Music for the occasion was furnished by C. H. Potts, 50 North Main St., violinist and Fred Lanson, of Chicago, pianist.

HIGH SCHOOL IS TO SING OPERA— "BOHEMIAN GIRL"

Rehearsals Under Way for Production to be Made About the Middle of February

Soloists and the chorus of the high school are now rehearsing the opera, "Bohemian Girl," which will be produced by them about February 15.

This is the first effort made by our high school to give a musical production and deserves the support of all who are interested in any way in the progress of the schools. Music lovers are already looking forward to hearing the talented singers of the community.

The Bohemian Girl is a pleasing opera in three acts. The melodies are beautiful and the plot vigorous.

The production is well organized. Mr. Vernon leads the Finance committee, Mr. Brown the Property committee and Mr. J. C. T. Rogers, our popular coach, has charge of the advertising.

The opera is being directed by Mrs. Virginia Sanford who has charge of music in the schools of the village.

Mrs. Earl Prince underwent an operation for acute appendicitis last Sunday noon. She is doing splendidly and expects to be home soon.



TENOR SOLOIST IN RECITAL AT M. E. CHURCH JAN. 24

Arthur Kraft, Lauded by Critics, to Sing Accompanied by Robt. MacDonald, Pianist

Arthur Kraft, Chicago's leading tenor soloist, will give a recital at the M. E. church on next Tuesday evening, January 24. He will be accompanied by Robert MacDonald, pianist, who will also play several groups of selections.

This is a musical event which the citizens of the community are looking forward to with the greatest of pleasure. Mr. Kraft has received the highest praise from the music critics of New York, Boston, Chicago and other cities of the east, west and south.

The program will be the same that he and his accompanist will give in the Playhouse Chicago, Sunday afternoon, January 23.

Maurice Reinfeld, critic on the Daily News, says: "Arthur Kraft, a tenor with a ringing voice, clear of phrase and smooth of texture." Edward Moore of the Tribune: "If with all your hearts," was given a performance not far from ideal, with lovely voice, excellent enunciation and warmth of presentation in its favor."

The Musical Leader "Arthur Kraft" is a singer who pays a lot of attention to style, authentic interpretation and the details that make music interesting. The Musical Courier: "Arthur Kraft's growing popularity is well understood judging from his efforts in the tenor role. He sang as an accomplished musician one who leaves nothing to chance and whose vocal accomplishments are many. His enunciation was excellent."

Mr. Kraft is singing here next Tuesday in the Methodist church under the auspices of Grove Lodge. Tickets can be obtained at the store of J. W. Nash, either drug store or from B. E. Balczynski, H. P. Jones.

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Mr. J. B. Warner, of Riverside has purchased the G. H. Whitney home in East Grove and will take possession February 1. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney and family will move to their new home in Highland avenue.

"YOU'D BE SURPRISED"

Every once in awhile one of our Steady advertisers says, "You'd be surprised at the results I am getting with my Reporter advertising, and the number of people who follow that copy every week." What reminded us of it right now was that two such statements, in identical language, were told us last week. And we always act surprised, even if we aren't. You see we KNOW the value of Reporter advertising. And when someone finds it out for themselves it tickles us so that we naturally show surprise. It's true that the right kind of advertising in The Reporter will increase any business. Ask us to call on you and talk it over. It will pay.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS FIRM GIVEN CON- TRACT FOR SEWER

William F. Hildeman, Lowest Bidder, to Start to Work as Soon as Weather Permits.

William F. Hildeman, of Chicago Heights, was awarded the contract for the building of the new outfall sewer and sewerage disposal works at a special meeting of the Downers Grove Sanitary District Trustees, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Hildeman's bid, \$61,319.50, was the lowest. Investigation disclosed the fact that he is financially responsible and but little discussion was held before the award was made. His figure on the job was \$2,886 lower than the estimate of \$65,205.50 made by Edgar D. Otto, Engineer of the district.

Included in the contract are prices to be used in making additions or deductions from the contract prices on account of possible changes in plans or ground levels.

Work will start on the construction as soon as the weather conditions permit. The contract calls for a completed job by the first of July.

On page nine will be found the local notice of the award of contract with the prices for the individual parts of the construction.

L. W. V. ENDORSES PLAN OF BEAUTIFYING THE DUMP

Local Good Government Committee Drafts Letter of Approval to Village Council

A committee of citizens, resident of Gilbert avenue, attended a meeting of the Village Council December 19 and presented a plan whereby the old gravel pit, used as a public dump be transformed into a park. Full details of the project were printed in The Reporter of December 30.

The committee on local good government of the Downers Grove committee, Woman Voters League, helped the good work along this week by addressing a letter of approval to the Mayor and Village Council.

The letter follows:
January 16, 1922.
Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill.
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on local good government of the League of Women Voters, the article "Help Change the Dump to a Park" was discussed and the movement approved.

The elimination of the dump or proper regulation thereof, has been considered by this committee for some time.

The suggestion that the dump be made into a park is heartily favored by this committee as it will result in disposing of a public menace, an eyesore and at the same time beautify the principal entrance to the Forest Preserve.

Any movement that will contribute to the health, happiness and beauty of the community should be given every support.

Mrs. Elisha Morgan,
Chairman
Mrs. W. H. Blodgett
Mrs. W. N. Coleman
Mrs. Ernest Fisher
Mrs. V. Simonson

LOCAL LEGION TO ENTERTAIN FAMED FLYER JAN. 30TH

Maj. R. W. Schroeder, Holder of Altitude Record of World to Relate His Experience

Unconscious, his eye-balls frozen, and one chance in a million of living to tell about it, Major R. W. Schroeder landed his plane after soaring to heights never before attained by man.

Not only did he live to tell about it, but he does tell about it with a hair raising description of how his plane dropped thousands of feet with no guiding hand at the helm after he had broken the world's altitude record by climbing to 38,000 feet above the level of the sea.

Ex-servicemen of the community are particularly fortunate. They will be given a chance to hear this daring aviator tell of his record flight.

Major Schroeder will be a guest of the local Legion post on Monday evening, January 30. Every ex-serviceman of the community is invited to be present on that night and hear his experiences. The legion rooms should prove too small to hold the number.

Beside his talk the Major will bring with him three reels of moving pictures of aviation and aviation. They will show the dangerous parachute jumping; the "trial" flying and other interesting views of man's conquest of the air. There will be part almost unbelievable to the layman and the picture alone will be worth while.

All this will cost the veterans of the world war absolutely nothing and is a part of Commander Diener's program to make the local post a little more attractive to the men who served Uncle Sam in the army, navy and marine corps.

The Legion has a meeting next Monday evening to talk over the doing for the year and every member and prospective member is urged to attend.

MANY ATTEND ART EXHIBIT AT NORTH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

Pleasing Program by Scholars Added to Evening's Enjoyment—Was Instructive.

Many people, both men and women, attended the art exhibit at the north school Wednesday evening. The beautiful prints on the walls of the rooms, some of them copies of ancient masters and some of the more modern schools, were admired and exclaimed over.

Adding greatly to the evening's enjoyment was the program given by the scholars. Each room had arranged something different and each part of the program was well received.

Several of the pictures will find a permanent resting place in the school.

COUNTY "Y" BOARD MAKES PLANS FOR THE YEARS' WORK

Community and County Conferences to be Held—Board is to be Made Larger

You will be interested in the plans made at the January meeting of the Board of Directors of the Du Page County Y. M. C. A. this week. It was decided to hold a number of conferences in the several communities and to follow these with the annual Older Boys' Conference in the near future, the time and place to be decided by the boys council.

A nominating committee was appointed and instructed to enlarge the board in order to provide more complete representation in the several communities.

The Budget Committee was asked to prepare a budget for 1922. These committees will report to the County Convention to which every supporter and friend of the work is cordially invited.

Report shows that there is a good "Y" Club in Downers Grove and Glen Ellyn and find work being done in co-operation with the Christian Hi Club of Wheaton. These clubs are promoting a program of clean athletics; clean speech; clean scholarship and service and are being conducted by the boys.

The Pioneer club of Warrenville, under the leadership of Mr. Pheil, is doing a very fine piece of work. A number of other groups will be organized in the near future.

Announcement has just been received reporting the State Convention, which is to be held at Danville, January 27. Dr. John R. Mott will be the speaker. This will be a very interesting and important meeting of the association and it is hoped that Du Page County may have as many representatives as possible.

ORGANIZATION FOR "FOLLIES" IS COMPLETE

Miss Helen Newton and J. C. "Tom" Rogers Again Named Directors of Local Musical Show

Business organization for the second year of the "Follies of Downers Grove" was completed at a meeting of the Library Board early this week. Miss Helen Newton and Mr. J. C. "Tom" Rogers of the high school faculty, have again agreed to direct the performance. Their stellar handling of the cast last year and the results they achieved are a criterion of what local folks can expect in the "Follies" of 1922.

Don Diener, Commander of the local Legion post, has consented to act as Business Manager. Ben Thulin will be "prop." otherwise, Property Man and Walter J. Staats will be Director of Publicity.

New songs, new lines, new values and even better than that—most of last year's cast right back in the big show when their tuneful voices and crisp, old you know, will add weight to the chorus.

There will be dancing; there will be some of those side-splitting jokes. And—whisper it low—there will be show ups of several of those mysterious happenings of last summer, for instance when the ice cream disappeared from the wedding feast.

Oh yes, men and women, boys and girls—it will be well worth seeing and also hearing. Rehearsals will start and the time is early in March at the Curtiss theatre.

DO YOU READ THE CLASSIFIEDS?

According to all the "dope," if you are not a steady reader of classified ads you are not normal. Investigation in every part of the United States discloses the fact that over ninety per cent of the people are steady, consistent readers of classified ads. This is the real reason for their great pulling power—EVERYBODY reads 'em. If you are one of the small minority of Reporter folks who do not read Reporter classifieds—get the habit this week. Often there are chances to save both small and large sums in purchasing some necessary piece of household goods a second-hand stove, baby buggy, or what not. Read the classifieds every week. It's a good habit.

WESTMONT OFFICERS INSTALLED LAST SATURDAY

Residents of Thriving Community Hold Reception for Board in New School.

One of the most notable events in the history of Westmont occurred last Saturday afternoon in the new addition to the Garibaldi Inn there when the first village officers of the town were sworn in. Police Magistrate Carl Carlson of Downers Grove, administered the oaths of office.

The Westmont Village Board, elected several weeks ago, is as follows: Vincent Pastor, President.

J. K. Zanone, Guy Thurman, S. P. Walley, S. H. Hill, M. L. McHugh, and James Rittmeyer, Trustees.

L. J. Condon, Village Clerk.

J. J. Kadoch, Police Magistrate.

Following his installation as President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Pastor, who is one of the most progressive men of this young, thriving community, made a short talk. During his remarks he said that the reason he wanted a Downers Grove man to administer the oaths was that he had always admired the spirit of friendliness, the desire to co-operate with his village and the unselfish attitude taken by the people of this community toward each other and toward the newcomers to the east. He promised an administration which would strive to put Westmont on the map.

The Board will meet the first and third Mondays of each month in the McIntosh real estate office until a more fitting location can be found.

In the evening a formal reception was held at the new school house for the newly created Village Board. The edifice was crowded with residents of the new community, more than four hundred being in attendance.

Talks were made by the members of the Board, by representative citizens and a short program was enjoyed. A spirit of optimism prevailed. The talk was all of Westmont and what could be done to make life there easier and better for those folks who have left the crowded, unsanitary conditions of Chicago for a home of their own where the air is pure and living less of an aspect of mere existence.

We understand that plans are already under way for the laying of water mains in every street in the village in the spring. Electric wires have been strung, the current to be supplied from the Downers Grove plant, and indications point to an even greater progress in the spring.

Efforts are now being made to get telephone service through the local exchange.

There is no doubt that Westmont is destined to grow. Its new village board is composed of the type of men who are ever striving for the better things and they should prove to be excellent men in their positions.

CHURCH MEMBERS SURPRISE PASTOR ON ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Phelps, Married Twenty-Five Years, Presented With Remembrances.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Spencer Phelps were taken by storm at their home in Middaugh avenue last Saturday evening by about thirty members of the First Congregational church, of which church Mr. Phelps is the spiritual leader.

The occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of their married life and the "silver" event was remembered by the surprisers with a silver wedding cake and fifty dollars in crisp, new bills. The presentation was made by Edward F. Lacey in his usual humorous style. He handed the money to Mrs. Phelps with appropriate remarks and then turning to Mr. Phelps gave him the cake as a "consolation" prize.

In accepting the gifts Mr. Phelps paid a glowing tribute to his mate for her helpfulness and courage and forbearance during the twenty-five years that had passed. Mrs. Phelps thanked the surprisers for their gift, saying she could not properly express her appreciation, that words just would not come at a time like that.