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FUNERAL SERVICE TODAY FOR DOWNERS SOLDIER BOY

"Marsh" Statton, Who Died in France to be Buried by Legion at Champaign.

Funeral services will be held at Champaign this afternoon for Marshall Statton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Statton of North Forest avenue, who died in France Sunday, May 25, 1919.

The service will be in charge of the American Legion post of Champaign and a committee from the local post consisting of Dan Diener, Grant and George Dicke, Roy Dickson, G. Nash, Mel Binder, Al Gardiner and probably others. They were making up the party at the Legion rooms last night. Some left last night and the balance will make the trip by car today.

Marshall Statton was born at Alma, Marion Co., March 3, 1895. He came to the village with his parents in 1903, attended the local schools and was well liked by all who knew him.

Enlisting April 7, 1917, in the machine gun company of the Third Illinois "National Guard, later the 129th Infantry, he trained at Camp Logan, Texas and sailed for "over there" May 12, 1918. Entering the lines for the first time July 4, he was not off active duty while the big scrap lasted and went through it all without a scratch.

He was with his regiment during the occupation of Luxemburg and was taken sick with influenza and pleurisy February 19, 1919. He passed away May 25, following an operation for empyema and was buried in American cemetery number 22 at Savenay, France, with full military honors on May 28. The body was exhumed and sent "home" arriving in Chicago yesterday morning.

His father and mother and two sisters, Lila and Olive are left to mourn for a brave boy who gave his all on the altar of his country.

AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT "EL BY GOSH"

Masonic Families Enjoyed Unique Social in Hall of Grove Lodge Saturday.

An "El Bazaar," which according to the invitation was a revival of one of the ancient institutions of Masonry, was greatly enjoyed last Saturday evening in the hall of Grove Lodge, A. F. & A. M. by many of the local Masons and their families. The peculiarity of the name, it not having been used for several centuries, made for great difficulty in the proper pronunciation and a compromise was reached whereby every one agreed on "El by gosh." After this decision was reached they all had a glorious time and asked the lodge entertainment committee to do it again.

Howard Jones, acted as master of ceremonies and, following his usual custom, had the crowd entertaining itself in very short order. In the several verbal "tiffs" between him and several others, he came out still master of ceremonies and capable of putting down any kind of rebellion. The laughter of the participants in the social affair reached the street, testifying to the good time they were having.

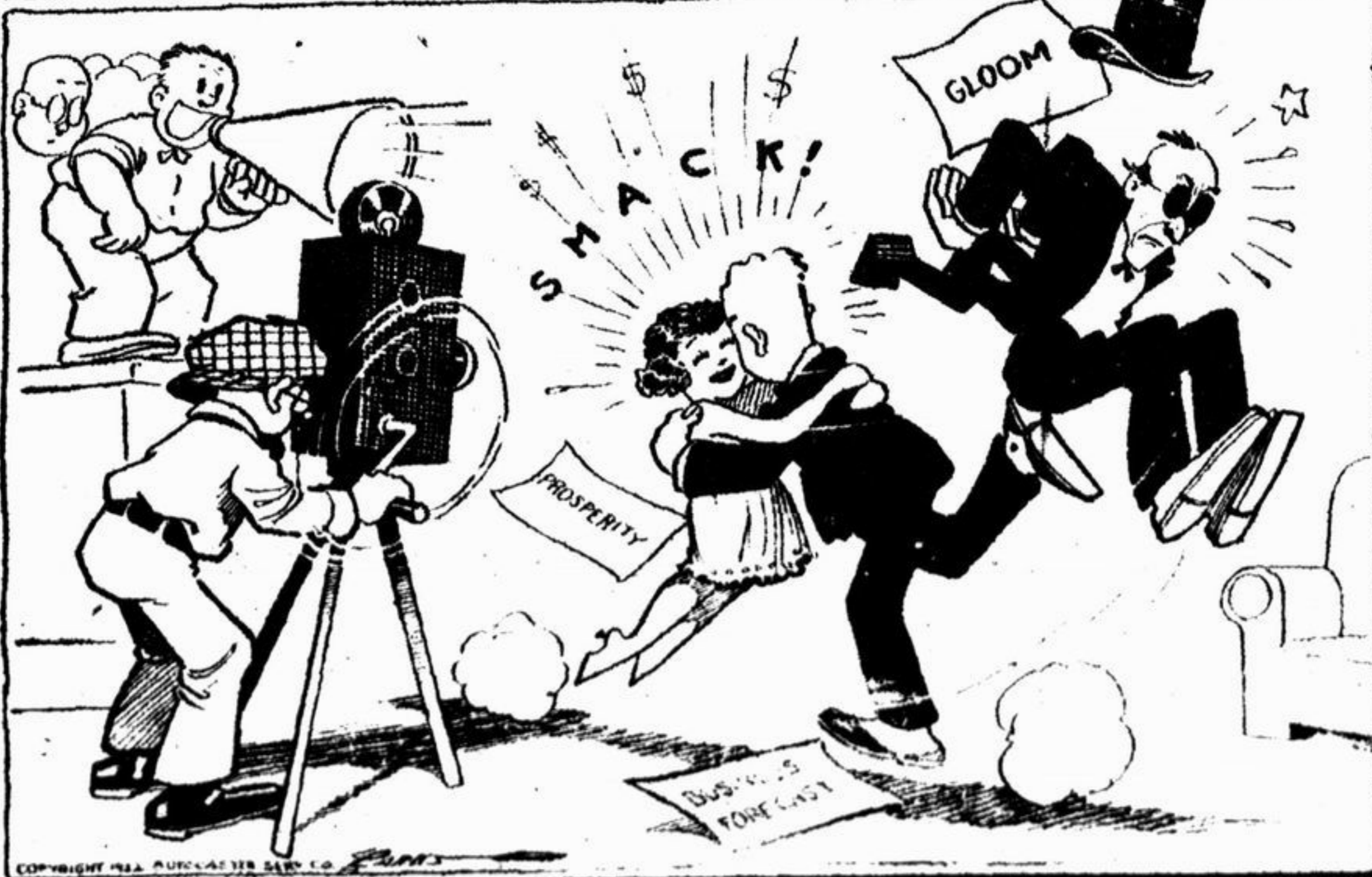
Short talks were made by Mack A. Sullivan and Leon E. Stinson, Master and High Priest of Grove Lodge and Grove Chapter respectively. Both signified their intention of having more social get-togethers in which the families of members of the orders could participate during their terms of office. Mrs. Jennie Knuegmann, Matron of Vesta Chapter, also said a few words and was the only one to stump the chairman.

The old fashioned songs were sung with a gusto and Miss Martha Puffer, of LaGrange, and Arthur R. Whitehorn favored with solos when requested. Mr. Whitehorn and the leader of the Lodge "glee" club, Fred N. Wildish, sang a duet, ably assisted at the right moment by the audience. This was one of the feature numbers of the impromptu program and bears repeating.

The evening ended with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, following the serving of ice cream and wafers.

As this is the first of similar parties during the next year, wives, sweethearts and children of members of Grove Lodge are already anticipating those to come.

ONE REAL THRILLER



SIXTY-THREE AT TROOP TWO, BOY SCOUT BANQUET

Talks by Scout Leaders and Music Made Evening One Long to be Remembered.

Sixty-three boy scouts, scout leaders, parents and friends attended the banquet of troop two, Downers Grove scouts, in the parlors of the Methodist Episcopal church last Friday evening. The Rev. Gilbert H. Newland, of the M. E. church, opened with prayer one of the best programs ever given at a banquet in the village.

Frank N. Davis, of North Main St., president of the West Suburban Council which comprises the town of Berwyn, Riverside, Argo, LaGrange, Western Springs, Brookfield, Congress Park, Hinsdale and Downers Grove, presided as toastmaster. Mr. Davis in his own inimitable way introduced each speaker with a short story or some personal reference that brought the laughter and applause of the audience.

Music for the evening was furnished by Miss Thelma Row and Miss Dorothy Towles. Miss Row sang several songs for the boys, but so well rendered were they that the older folks appreciated them as well as the boys. She also gave a reading which appealed particularly to the scouts. Miss Towles favored the banqueters with two whistled solos and by her accompaniment made such a favorable impression that following a suggestion from Mr. Davis, Scoutmaster O'Neil made a motion that she and Miss Row be made honorary members of Troop two. The motion was seconded and carried.

Vernon Fuller, accompanied by Mrs. Everett, gave a violin solo which was proof of the talent of the scouts in this troop.

Other high lights on the program were Rev. Newland gave a talk on his camping trip from Dundee to Wisconsin. He showed where the great outdoors and Nature, which is Religion was of inestimable value to the growing boy.

H. S. Paine gave some of his farm one's magic and also made a short talk. The applause from the scouts was an indication of the esteem in which they hold the Vice President of the local Council.

Scout Executive C. H. Barnes, of Riverside, in his speech stressed parents. (Continued on page 10, column 2)

REPORTER ADS SELL PIANOS

Several weeks ago a classified ad appeared in The Reporter advertising for sale a grand piano. It appeared one week and was sold to a man who already had a beautiful upright but wanted the better one. Last week he advertised for sale his upright piano, bench and cabinet and sold it in two days. Besides the buyer of the instrument he had two other calls. This man has had the effectiveness of Reporter classifieds demonstrated to him more than once and he is a consistent user of these little wonder workers. Have you anything to sell? Use the classified column of The Reporter. It pays! Try a classified next week — be convinced.

CLUB WOMEN AND GUESTS APPLAUD LOCAL MUSICIANS

Third Guest Night at M. E. Church Last Thursday Was Enjoyed by Those Present.

The third guest night of the Downers Grove Women's Club was held on last Thursday evening at the Methodist Church. The members and their friends were delightfully entertained and applauded the local musicians who furnished the musical part of the program.

Miss Dorothy Towles opened the evening with several whistling selections, accompanied by Miss Thelma Row at the piano. Miss Towles is a musician of rare ability and is gaining quite a reputation as a whistler.

The second number was a group of songs, sung by our townsman, Mr. T. A. Remington, with Miss Nash accompanying. Mr. Remington possesses a voice of unusual sweetness and charm, and the variety of selections brought out his wide range.

Next Ruth Hemingway Shaw, of Bloomington, read the play, "Friendly Enemies." The audience actually lived through the play with her. Her vocal was her portrayal of character and scene. Her ability coupled with such a pleasing personality and perfect poise completely captivated her hearers.

While these evening programs are a new venture for the club, yet the opportunity of bringing such splendid talent before their friends make them quite worth while.

C. H. STAATS TO TAKE OVER POST OFFICE FEB. 1st

Commission With Signature of President Harding Received Last Friday.

C. H. Staats will take over the Downers Grove postoffice on next Wednesday, February 1, taking the place which has been held by John D. Downer for several years.

Mr. Staats received his commission with the signatures of President Harding and Postmaster General Will H. Hays, last week Tuesday. He could have taken over the office at once, but at the suggestion of Mr. Downer agreed to wait until the first of the month when the reports are made and a Postal Inspector will check over the supplies and so forth with the incoming and outgoing postmaster.

E. Ward May, assistant postmaster, has tendered his resignation from the postal service to take effect about February 10.

Mr. May first came to Downers Grove in March, 1917. He spent two years in the army, eighteen months of which were at the central postoffice in G. H. O., France.

He has leased a 207 acre modern farm in the blue-grass region of Kentucky six miles from Mount Sterling for a long term. Besides the home buildings there are places for two tenants. Sixteen acres are in tobacco and the rest is used for feeding stock.

Mr. May will get away as quickly as possible so that he may superintend the spring work there.

WEEKLY SINGING HOUR FOR CHILDREN OPENS FEB 4

Mrs. Cecile Stevenson, Gifted Singer, to Give Instruction at the First Evangelical.

Mrs. Cecile Stevenson, a gifted singer who has recently become a resident of this community, has offered her services for an hour weekly as a companion director of the children of the community for an hour of singing.

The hour will be devoted to ear training, the development of appreciation for musical values, hearing and taking part in the singing of the very best songs written for children. There will be no charge whatever to the children who enroll for the hour. This service is rendered gratuitously to the community in the interest of better choirs in all the churches in the years to come. Boys and girls alike are invited to take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Children from nine years of age up to the age of entering high school are welcome. They should enroll for the singing hour at First Evangelical Church at 2:30 o'clock on the first Saturday afternoon in February. Use the Main street side entrance at the singing will be held in the north room, which Mrs. Stevenson believes to be the most convenient place in town for such a purpose.

It is Mrs. Stevenson's intention to give a public program with the children about the first of May. The children of the whole community, irrespective of denomination, are invited to come and receive the benefit of Mrs. Stevenson's able direction.

She has successfully conducted Community Children's Singing Hour in the city of Indianapolis, where the course was conducted under the auspices of the Second Presbyterian Church, and also in the famous church of Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones. She is an artist who has not lost her interest in childhood nor her sense of appreciation of the claims of a community upon its residents. (Continued on Page 2)

PARENT-TEACHERS DECIDE FOR VOTE ON HIGH SCHOOL

Proposition for Community School for Higher Grades Again to be Ballotted On

At the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association held last Thursday evening, it was decided to again bring the proposition of a community high school before the voters. The president was asked to appoint a committee to look into the matter and confer with Lewis V. Morgan, County Superintendent of Schools. Downers Grove is about the last community in the county to adopt this means of providing for the high school education of the boys and girls. That it is the best solution of the educational problem is the opinion of leading educators of the state.

Other features of the association's work at the local schools, the social hour, the rest room and the lunch hour, were discussed and explained.

STORY HOURS TUESDAYS AT LIBRARY HALL

The Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades Have the First Six Weeks — Lower Grades Next.

Library Story Hours are held Tuesdays at Library Hall at 3:50 o'clock. Children of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades are invited for the first six Tuesdays, or through February. The subsequent six Tuesdays will be for the children of the first three grades.

These Story Hours are given for the purpose of acquainting the children with the splendid literature contained in the Library, and of fostering a library habit, primarily, however, for the joy of learning stories.

JOSEPH S. TYLOR DIES WEDNESDAY — FUNERAL TODAY

Born in England in 1851, He Has Made Downers Grove His Home Since 1896.

Joseph S. Tylor, seventy years of age, died at his home in Oakwood avenue Wednesday noon, January 25. Death came following an operation several weeks ago. The operation was a success but his system could not survive the shock.

Funeral services will be held this Friday, afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist-Episcopal church. The Rev. Gilbert H. Newland will officiate and burial will be made at the West Side cemetery.

Mr. Joseph Sparkes Tylor was born at Brighton, England, July 25, 1851. He came to the United States at seventeen and went to Richmond, Ind. He was married there in 1885 to Miss Sarah Kniss. In 1891 they moved to Hinsdale and in 1896 to Downers Grove where he has since made his home. Mrs. Tylor passed away in 1896, one son, Charles, surviving her.

In 1899 Mr. Tylor was married to Miss Beatrice Martyn. Three children were born to them, William and Harold have passed beyond and Arthur and Mrs. Tylor are left to mourn his loss.

Mr. Tylor was one of the best known accountants in Chicago, a profession he followed all his life and was last employed by the Westchester Fire Insurance Co.

Although a Quaker originally, for the past twenty years he has labored most assiduously in the Methodist church during that time he has always been a member of the official board and for the greater part was the secretary. A teacher in the Sunday school and an active worker, he will be missed.

FATHER OF L. H. THOMAS PASSES AWAY AT BUDA

George Thomas, Who Has Made Home There Since 1861, Dies at Rippe Age of 92.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thomas returned Tuesday night from Buda, Ill., where they had attended the funeral of Mr. Thomas' father, George Thomas, who was buried at Oakland cemetery there last Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were called last Thursday when he passed away.

Mr. Thomas was in his ninety-second year at the time of his death. He was born in Pennsylvania and when a young man migrated to Missouri. In 1861 he moved to Buda where he engaged in the blacksmithing and carriage building trade and there he has made his home continuously. He kept up with his work until about ten years ago, when he retired.

WANT BARGAINS? READ THE ADS

Are you one of the thrifty buyers who follow the offerings of local merchants through their advertising in The Reporter? If you are, you know that it pays to read Reporter ads. There is a sure way of having more and more of these bargains offered you. Whenever you are led to a purchase by reading an ad in this paper; just mention when you do the buying that you saw the ad in The Reporter. This will bring home to the advertiser the value of offering such "specials" and more will be offered. You know that a great deal of your buying is through the ads in The Reporter, but does he? Simply say, "I saw your ad in The Reporter."

EXPECT HUNDREDS WILL HEAR MAJOR SCHROEDER JAN. 30

Birdman, Holder of World's Altitude Record, to Talk Next Monday Under Legion Auspices.

Major R. W. Schroeder, aviator and holder of the world's record for altitude, will tell of his record breaking flight and the experience he went thru making it, at the Dicke Theatre next Monday evening, January 30.

Major Schroeder is coming under the auspices of the local Legion post and plans as first made included only ex-service men in the invitation to hear him. So many requests were made, however, that others be allowed to hear the story which started the world that the original plan: have been changed. All ex-service men, whether they are affiliated with the American Legion or not and all members of the Auxiliary are invited to attend. They also have the privilege of inviting several of their friends to hear Major Schroeder and the theatre should be packed to the doors to hear him speak.

Three reels of movies, depicting the "flying game" as it really is, will also be shown. These show parachute jumping; stunt flying; dips drops and difficult turns; all taken from "ships" high in the air.

A reception, at which the ex-service men will meet the Major, will be held in the Legion rooms from 7:45 to 8:00. The program in the theatre will start at 8:00 and will be preceded by music. Every ex-service man of the community and wife and children or sweetheart, are given an urgent invitation by the post to be present as the evening will be very much worth while.

ARCADIAN CLUB'S TWENTIETH YEAR WAS BEST EVER

Annual Banquet at Congregational Church on Saturday Night A Great Success.

The Arcadians gathered together from the four corners of the village last Saturday evening to attend their twentieth annual banquet, held in the Congregational Church dining room. This affair is the one big event on the club calendar, and marks the ending of another year of the club's life.

This year's banquet at the standard hour, the staple of the feast, which had been prepared by a notable committee, headed by Mrs. E. Kramer, the committee consisted of all the married women in the club and they surely earned themselves with glory for a better meal could not be provided.

A menu of twenty-five items — the large "F" table covered with snow linen on which showed silver and glass among the pretty decorations of yellow, white and green. Dainty names cards, the handwriting of Mrs. Harry Rayner, marked the places. After all were seated the following menu was served by Mrs. Bernice Goltrud and Miss Ruth Deiner: pickles, olives, celery, fruit cocktail, cream of tomato soup, roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit salad, Parke House rolls, ice cream, cakes and coffee.

Following the banquet Mr. Theodore Drenttel, as toastmaster, took the floor and in a few well chosen words announced the program for the evening. It is the custom of the club to have one central idea on which to build all the toasts and the committee this year chose the twelve months using one or two attributes of each as a subject for a toast.

The outgoing president, Mr. W. W. Heintz, in his toast presented the gavel to the incoming president, Mr. Carl Carlson, who responded. The other members following with a very diversified lot of toasts. Some were sober and full of thought, others gay and full of nonsense but all were greatly enjoyed.

The toasts ended with the president naming the committees for the coming year and outlining the club's plans for work and play.

Thus ended one of the very best banquets and also years, which this club of good fellowship has ever had.