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## TWO LOCAL MEN MEET AND TRAVEL THROUGH GERMANY

Pierce Butler and Louis Klein Send  
Interesting Letter From the  
Rhine River Country.

The following very interesting letter was received by C. H. Staats from Pierce Butler, who is traveling thru Europe in the interests of the Newberry Library of Chicago. Mr. Butler and Louis Klein, who is visiting boyhood scenes, evidently had one of those great reunions Downers Grove people have when they meet far from home.

Dear Mr. Staats:

We deeply regret that all of our official engraved stationery reading "Special Foreign Correspondents of the Downers Grove Reporter" is mislaid and we are forced to write on ordinary paper, but here's our tale:

On Tuesday evening, June 13 Pierce Butler arrived at Strasburg and before going to bed he wrote a note to Louis Klein at Sessenheim, 20 miles distant. By a delay in the mails (postmasters here are not up to the American standard) the letter did not reach L. Klein until Thursday afternoon. P. Butler awoke in Strasburg received a telegram that evening which read, "Komme Heute nach Strasburg, 9:25. Louis Klein." Now there was really no special reason in the world why these two men should get together here in Europe but some how or other each of them had come to regard it as a matter of supreme importance and their greeting that evening at 9:25 was accordingly. They spent several hours together and next morning at 5:32 rushed back to Sessenheim for baggage and the two met again at 10:00 o'clock to travel together to Frankfurt. They are still together and dread parting; traveling alone is not good medicine.

Strasburg is now French territory but the past fifty years of German control have put an indelible mark on the city and its inhabitants. The French garrison seems like foreigners; manners, language, buildings, streets—all are so emphatically Teutonic. It is as you know one of the oldest cities of Northern Europe. In fact there are many buildings which will ante-date anything we have in Downers Grove.

As we rode from Strasburg to Frankfurt P. Butler remarked that Paris is more beautiful than any other city in Europe, but the German countryside more beautiful than anything in France. And speaking of sheer beauty you ought to see a German bill of charges. Under the present rates of exchange it is about the prettiest thing a man could lay eyes on. We are badly stung as Americans. When they see us coming they boost their prices 300%. We each pay 500 marks for our hotel rooms that a German could get for 150, but here's the joke. 550 marks costs us \$1.60, the hotel is the best in the city and our rooms the best in the hotel. We don't know what lodgings of the same sort would cost in Chicago because we could never afford to find out. Dinner here, fine food and unlimited service, costs 120 marks or the lowly sum of 36c. A really fine cigar costs 12 marks or 3.6c. Lest we shatter the revered constitutional amendment we shall not quote the prices on wine and beer. We drive about the city seeing sights (Continued on Page 10)

## CAN'T GET BRICK, BELDEN AVENUE PAVING HELD UP

Edgar D. Otto, Contractor, Forced to  
Postpone Start of Work on  
South Side Street.

Edgar D. Otto, who has the contract for the paving of Belden avenue, that block long street which connects Maple avenue and Curtiss street, has not yet been able to start work on the improvement. Mr. Otto is held up because of the fact that he cannot get any delivery promises on paving brick with which the street is to be paved.

He says as soon as he can connect with a firm which will promise delivery work will be started.



## AGAIN ASK FOR BIDS ON SOUTH SIDE STREETS

Only One Bidder Three Weeks Ago  
—Improvement Held up by  
Cost of Cement.

The Village Council is advertising for sealed bids on the paving of Summit, Webster, Church and Randall streets with concrete; installing storm water drains and otherwise improving these thoroughfares. The bids are to be opened at eight o'clock on Monday evening, July 17.

This is the second time this Special Assessment No. 59 has been advertised. The first time only one bid, that of Edgar D. Otto, was received and in the opinion of J. S. Lozier, Village Engineer, this was too high. An effort is being made to get more contractors to bid on the work.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS WITH 58 ENROLLED

Every Child in Community Invited to  
Attend Morning Session  
at High School.

The Daily Vacation Bible School for Downers Grove children opened Wednesday morning in the high school building with a registration of fifty-eight.

So as not to interfere with the story hour lady at the Redpath chautauqua, not very much was done at the Bible school until this morning when the real activities started.

Local churches and Sunday schools are cooperating in the vacation school which is open to every child in the community irrespective of creed or belief, between the ages of 5 and 14. The school this year has many advantages over that of other years. The entire high school equipment is at the disposal of the corps of teachers. The manual training and sewing rooms especially will add to the benefits to be derived.

The idea was started here several years ago by the people of the Baptist church where the first two schools were held. This year is expected to eclipse the others in point of enrollment and of quantity and quality of work done. Mixed in with the work done with the hands is work done with the minds and the entire combination is highly desirable.

The Rev. Arnold H. Kehrl, pastor of the Baptist church, is general superintendent of the school and supervisor of the older children. Mrs. W. W. Heintz is secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Ernest Easley is superintendent of the younger children and Mrs. J. E. Replinger superintendent of the crafts.

The work done is varied. There is sewing, brass work, bead work, basket weaving, manual training and interesting hand work for the younger children.

The hours are 9:30 to 11:00 every school day morning.

## Kids Is Kids

## FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO FARM BLAZE THURSDAY

Grass Fire Wednesday in Rear of the  
Methodist-Episcopal Church  
Periled the Building.

The fire siren called the firemen with their truck to the farm home of Glen Kellogg in Fairview avenue south of East Grove yesterday afternoon. A straw stack north of the barn was burning and Mrs. Kellogg and the children, after trying for half an hour to quench the flames with buckets of water, turned in an alarm. The sucking hose of the truck was dropped down a convenient cistern and in a few minutes lowered the surface of the water fourteen feet. This quenched the flames enough so that the men could get at the burning stack with pitch forks and scatter it. The barn was saved.

Flames from a bon fire in the rear of the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon caught the dry grass which for several moments threatened to touch off the church and the hitching sheds in the rear. Mrs. Newland, wife of the pastor of the church and several neighboring women had the blaze under control before the arrival of the department with the fire truck.

## MANY ATTENDED FIREMEN PICNIC HERE JULY FOUR

Winner of Handmade Bedspread Has  
Not Yet Been Located—  
Number is 500.

Many local people attended the picnic given July 4th by the Downers Grove Fire Department at the corner of Belmont and Forest avenues. The lot was crowded every minute from the time the music started in the afternoon to the finish along toward midnight.

The games were well patronized, the ice cream went about as fast as it usually does and entire families were seen dancing on the floor at times.

Someone holds a ticket with the number ZYX800. If they will present it to Henry Dicke, chief of the department, they will be given the handsome handmade bed spread to which they are entitled as the holder of the ticket.

The firemen are leaving the dance floor and the stands until next Saturday, July 15 when they will run a moonlight picnic. The games and good music will be on tap and more than likely a good crowd will attend. This is the only picnic they will run during the summer.

## I. O. O. F. TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Next Monday evening, July 10, Downers Grove Lodge, No. 750, I. O. O. F., will hold its semi-annual installation of officers in the local lodge room.

Mr. Walter H. Rogers is the installing officer and he will be assisted by W. H. Beidelman, Fred E. Dowe and C. J. Winter.

## FIRE DESTROYS FARM HOME LATE TUESDAY NIGHT

A Little Furniture and Clothing Was  
Saved by Adolph Eichhorst  
and His Family.

Fire which broke out in the farm home of Adolph Eichhorst on the Stanton road, northwest of the village, about eleven o'clock the evening of July 4th, completely destroyed the twelve room house. All that is left is the stone foundation to mark the spot where the house stood.

The farm is the property of Stauk Bros. and Mr. Eichhorst, who is a brother of Emil Eichhorst, of Highland avenue, has made his home there for several years.

The fire seemed to have started on the roof of the porch on the west side of the house. The family were all in bed and asleep. The smell of smoke awoke Mrs. Eichhorst and upon investigation she found the west side of the home in flames. Quickly awakening the family, they all worked like Trojans in an effort to salvage furniture and clothing from the flames. They succeeded in saving several pieces of furniture and a little clothing.

In his efforts to save something, Mr. Eichhorst severely burned all the fingers of his right hand.

Both the house and contents were insured in the Addison Mutual Insurance Co., so that it will not be a total loss.

## COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION SET FOR JULY 17th

Seven and One Half Sections South  
of Downers Grove Included in  
Proposed District.

An election, called for the purpose of establishing a community high school district south of Downers Grove, will be held in the concrete block schoolhouse in District 66 on Monday, July 17. The polls will be open from six to nine in the evening, Standard time.

The territory involved in the proposed district includes all of Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 and the south half of Section 17.

Those living in the territory are very frank about the purpose of the election. They say they are establishing the district to forestall all further attempts to get them into any community high school district and thus save them tax money. They have no intention of establishing a school should the district be formed.

This will also make them high school territory and cut out the non-high school district tax. It will, however, make those with children of high school age pay tuition if they desire to go higher than the eighth grade.

## REV. KEHRL SPEAKS SUNDAY AT UNION OPEN AIR SERVICES

Chautauqua Tent Crowded Last Sunday  
at First Union Meeting  
of Summer.

The chautauqua tent, in the rear of the Maple avenue school, was crowded to the doors last Sunday evening at the first of the series of Union open air church services to be held here during the month of July. Through the kindness of the chautauqua people the tent was loaned for the service.

The Rev. Thomas Peterson, the speaker of the evening, gave a message of great worth to the people of the community. Rev. Peterson is the acting superintendent of the daily vacation Bible schools for the Chicago area of the Methodist-Episcopal church and he talked on the subject of the schools. He told of the wonderful work being done in Chicago and vicinity by these schools with special reference to the fact that the Sunday school attendance grows following their inception in cities and towns.

The next union service and the following will be held on the sloping lawn of the Methodist-Episcopal church in West Maple avenue.

Next Sunday, July 9, the Congregational church has charge of the program and there will be special music by the choir of the church. The Rev. Arnold H. Kehrl, pastor of the Baptist church, will deliver the sermon taking as his text, "The Two Calls." Rev. Kehrl is too well known a local speaker to need an introduction to Downers Grove audiences.

These open air services were started here in 1917 and have continued since. The idea has spread from Downers Grove until many villages in the vicinity and in fact, all over the country, worship out under God's open sky during the hot days of the summer months.

## BUILDER CHAPTER INSTALLED OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

Ray Klein is the Master Builder of  
Downers Grove Chapter for  
Next Six Months.

Downers Grove Chapter, No. 53, Order of Builders for Boys, held its semi-annual installation of officers in the hall of Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M. Wednesday evening.

The following members of Grove Lodge acted as the installing team and gave the lectures which accompany the seating of the chapter heads: E. H. Huntington, Acting Grand Master Builder; Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter, Grand Chaplain; N. C. Pearce, Grand Marshal; Sam Miskelly, Grand Secretary; Geo. O. Prickett, Grand Treasurer; Arthur Whitehorn, Grand Organist.

Officers installed were:

Ray Klein	Master Builder
Frank Hall	Deputy Master Builder
Wm. Miskelly	Senior Inspector
John Ralston	Junior Inspector
Donald VanValen	Senior Overseer
Elon Staats	Junior Overseer
Robert Wolf	Secretary
Wilfred Pape	Treasurer
Robert Knoblauch	Chaplain
Horace Barnhart, John Lehmann, Douglas Huntington and George Lastofka	Stewards
Jack Vaughan	Sentinel
Geroge Ray	Marshal
Gardiner Barr	Organist

Three visitors from the Elmhurst Chapter were present and gave an account of their chapter which is older than the local one and has a few more members. There are now more than fifty boys in the Builders here which has grown in both numbers and the quality of work since its installation.

Following the closing of the chapter, the boys were taken to Bertolin & Son where refreshments were served them by Grove Lodge.

Mrs. Irving G. Heartt, of East Maple avenue, will entertain the Fellowship class of the Methodist-Episcopal church on Monday evening, the 10th of July. Members and friends are invited.

## HINSDALE-DOWNERS GAME ENDS WITH SCORE TIED

Local Players Refuse to Finish Game  
Account of Raw Deal by  
the Umpire.

The baseball game between Downers Grove and Hinsdale, at Hinsdale last Sunday broke up at the end of the ninth inning with the score tied, 6 and 6. The local players walked off the field when Manager Ahsworth of Hinsdale stood adamant when requested to change from the Association umpire they had hired for this particular game, to one of their own, by the Downers Grove players.

The local team received about the worst deal from an umpire ever seen in this vicinity. That he did not know much about the game is putting it mildly. His errors were so apparent and his work so crude that our boys refused to finish the game and walked off the field. For this action they are not to be commended. The game should have been played out even with the certainty that the game was being handed to Hinsdale.

Hinsdale was outbatted, outplayed and there was no question as to which team was the class. The locals were trailing four runs up to seventh inning when they put across five runs on some clean hitting and upsetting the Hinsdale team by the bunting game. When they came to bat in the eighth the umpire must have been trying hard to go to sleep. He let Laddell, who batted for Chase, go to first base on three balls and then called him safe at second when he tried to steal. It was apparent, to everybody that Nash had him by three feet. The next man up, Morris, socked the ball out in deep left and Laddell scampered across the pan with the tying run. Morris was out trying to stretch the hit into a home run. This was the climax for our boys as this run, without question was handed to Hinsdale by the umpire.

The game was not up to the usual standard between the two teams. Errors were frequent, each team being charged with five. Bennett, pitching for Downers, was in rare form letting them down with but five hits and keeping them well scattered and ten men fanned the breeze trying to connect with his shoots. Eleven of the local players punched holes in the air, Theidel getting nine and Bither two. Theidel started on the hill for the home team but was chased to the showers in the seventh when Downers showed their class by playing their opponents off their feet.

Hinsdale scored three in the fourth without the aid of a hit, errors by Mochel and Bennett helping the runs across. They scored one in the fifth, one in the eighth and tied up the game by putting one more across in the ninth.

Reports from Hinsdale are to the (Continued on Page 10)

## VESTA CHAPTER TO ENTERTAIN GRAND OFFICERS JULY 12th

Effie R. Redman, State Worthy Grand  
Matron, Makes Official Visit  
Here Next Wednesday.

Effie R. Redman, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Illinois, and her corps of Grand Officers, will make their annual official visit to Vesta Chapter, No. 242, O. E. S. on next Wednesday evening, July 12. The affair will be held in the Masonic Hall, corner of Main and Curtiss streets and will start at eight o'clock.

In addition to members of the local chapter there will be many visitors present from chapters in the vicinity and the capacity of the hall will be taxed as is usual at affairs of this kind.

A dinner will be served at the E. church at 6:30 in the evening in honor of the Grand Officers. All members of the Star are invited to the dinner and the tickets are at other times.