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REGULAR MOVIE THRILLER EXCITES BELMONT CITIZENS

George Harris Fined \$100 and Costs
for Threatening With Gun
—Says He'll Appeal.

George Harris, arrested Monday on complaint of Lawrence E. Larson of Belmont for threatening him with a loaded revolver, was fined \$100 and costs in Judge R. D. Blakey's court Wednesday evening. Harris called for a jury trial and the six men who found him guilty and assessed the fine were Fred Buschman, Chas. Meadel, Sam Swartz, Joseph Andel, Emil Hehn and Jacob Thoman. Wm. T. Pridmore, of Chicago, attorney for Harris, asked for an appeal and has been granted twenty days in which to file an appeal bond. Attorney G. H. Bunge handled the case for Larson.

The case of Harvey Norris, arrested also on complaint of Larson for disorderly conduct and threats, was continued to eight o'clock Monday evening.

The case is a peculiar one. Larson purchased a lot in Belmont Heights, a subdivision opened by Norris, last September. A few months later he entered into a building agreement with Norris whereby the latter was to build Larson a house and the agreement called for completion by April 1, 1922.

The house was started but from the testimony brought out at the trial, not much effort was made to complete it. In June Larson moved out from Chicago into an uncompleted house which Norris was building and which he was to occupy until his own was finished. The work dragged so that Norris promised Larson he would get one or two rooms completed and he could move in until the entire house was finished.

Last Saturday evening, with the help of Wood and Schwartz, two neighbors, Larson started moving in to his house. One load of furniture had been moved in and another load was on the way when Norris and Harris arrived. Norris carried a pick handle and it is alleged Harris had a loaded revolver in his pocket. They went onto the porch, told Larson he was trespassing and ordered him out. Larson, arming himself with a revolver, resisted all their efforts to obtain admission or throw him out of his home. Even when Harris threatened gun play he stood fast.

At the trial Wednesday Harris flashed a permit, made out by Joseph Kadock, of Westmont, giving him a license to carry a revolver. Justice Blakey would not admit the permit into evidence as Kadock was elected Police Magistrate of our neighboring village but never qualified for the office.

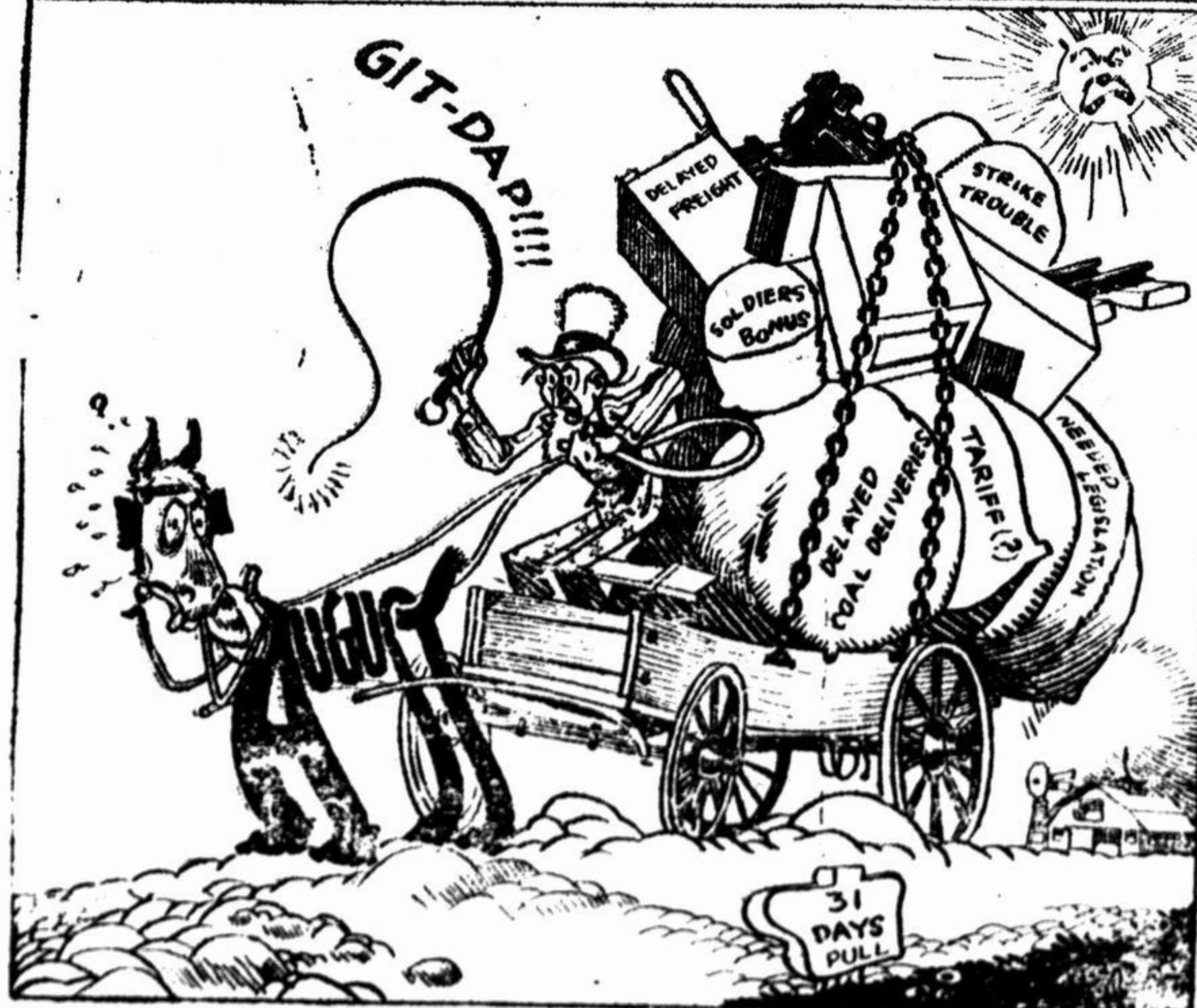
Just why Norris and Harris attempted to put Larson out of his home did not come out at the trial. It seems strange that they would try to force a man out of the house he was having built for himself. People who have purchased property in this new subdivision are under the impression that something is wrong with the whole proposition and are investigating to see if their titles are good.

TELEPHONE STATION AT ZINDT DRUG STORE ROBBED

Yesterday afternoon, Thursday, a stranger walked into Zindt's Drug store and asked to use the telephone. Mr. Zindt directed him to the booth and while talking to a customer heard the bell ring on the coin box in the booth, at the same time the man stepped out and started for the front door. Mr. Zindt came from behind the counter and asked him what he was doing. The man answered, "that's all right," ran out the door and jumped into a waiting automobile driven by a companion and fled. The police were called but no trace of the robbers could be found.

Emil Eichhorst was standing talking to Fred Baker, the Jeweler, but did not grasp the situation until too late to stop the miscreant although Mr. Baker called to him to help. The robber had opened the coin box with a skeleton key but only obtained about fifty-five cents as the money had been collected the day before.

A Big Load For The Old Horse



ARTHUR CHESTER, LOCAL BOY, ENTERS THE FLYING SCHOOL

To Pilot Planes in Exhibition and in
Passenger Carrying Flights—
Has Flown Before.

Art Chester, who until Monday was a mechanic at the Kidwell Garage, has severed his connection with that firm and has gone to Martinton, Ill., which will be his headquarters. He has gone into the flying game with Fred Parker of that city. Mr. Parker has four planes and "makes" the county fairs and other summer attractions giving flying exhibitions and also doing the regular passenger carrying business.

With Chester and Parker are two girl aviators. Vera Novak is a parachute jumper and wing walker of national reputation and is one of the team.

Chester secured his pilot license at Aurora last summer. He will work in all the departments and also do parachute jumping. He is enthusiastic over his new situation and says it is the most exhilarating sport in the world.

CHORAL SOCIETY STARTS SEASON'S ACTIVITY SEPT. 15

Application Blanks for Admission
Are in Hands of Four—
All Invited.

Following its summer vacation the West Suburban Choral Society will resume activities on Friday evening, September 15 when the first meeting of the 1922-23 season will be held.

Application blanks are in the hands of Mrs. Philip Weinheimer, Messrs H. S. Paine, W. J. O'Neill and Thos. Pape, the director of the society. Indications are that the society will have a very successful season.

Starting less than a year ago, the choral society has been one of the most successful of the village institutions. Its concert, given as the final part in the Memorial day observance was well attended and was an artistic success.

Everyone is invited by the backers of the society to take an interest in it. Singers especially are wanted but those who cannot sing are asked to lend a helping hand in the recruiting of members and in backing the society. The application blanks should be filled out immediately so that there may be no hitch in the proceedings once the season starts.

GEORGE PASTOR FINED \$200.00 FOR "TOTIN' A GAT"

Case Heard by Judge Blakey Last
Saturday Afternoon—May
Appeal Case.

George Pastor, son of Vincent Pastor, mayor of the Village of Westmont, was fined \$200 and costs by Judge R. D. Blakey Saturday afternoon for "totin' a gun."

He was arrested by Westmont policeman Homer Ulrich for carrying concealed weapons and the case brought here for trial. In his testimony Saturday young Pastor said he just took the gun out of the car and put it in his pocket so Ulrich wouldn't see it and had no intention of using it in any way. The gun in question is a small foreign make .25 caliber automatic.

Mr. Pastor has asked the Judge for an appeal to the county court but has not yet filed his bond. The Judge gave him twenty days to pay the fine or appeal.

NEIGHBORHOOD SQUABBLE LEADS TO JUSTICE COURT

Trial of Martin Kessel Postponed
From Tuesday Evening Un-
til Tonight.

On complaint of Joseph Dietrich, Martin Kessel was arrested Monday morning charged with threatening to shoot and otherwise injure Dietrich. The case was called for trial Tuesday evening, a jury selected, and then postponed to give Dietrich time to secure counsel.

Both men live just west of the village limits in West Maple avenue and the trouble is the outgrowth of a neighborhood squabble. It seems gun toting cases have been coming up pretty frequent of late. The law is very strict and local authorities are dealing harshly with all cases brought in.

Harold Zindt is spending his vacation on his uncle's fruit ranch near Grant's Pass, Oregon. There are 14,000 fruit trees on the ranch, situated in the famous Rogue River valley. He will stay there indefinitely to help with the work. Enroute he stopped off at Omaha to visit with relatives and made stops at Denver, Salt Lake City, Grand Canyon, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

TO STRAIGHTEN YORK ROAD AT FULLERSBURG

Supervisors to Take First Steps in
Presenting Bond Issue Plan
to County People.

The Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting Monday made arrangements for the straightening out of the York road north of Fullersburg. As it is now the road takes an awkward turn around the old mill and across the bridge. This is a narrow, dangerous curve. As planned the road will continue straight across the river going over a new bridge thus eliminating all the danger.

At the next meeting of the Supervisors a concrete plan will be presented for a bond issue for connecting highways through the county. This is a proposition which should be acted on at once so that everything can be in readiness for a start as soon as the weather permits in the spring.

The Board authorized the settling of claims for damages on the Lake st. road and on a few other north of the county highways.

MISSIONARY FROM BURMA SPEAKS AT SERVICES SUNDAY

The Rev. L. B. Rogers to Talk on
"Curios, Costumes and Customs
of the Burmese."

An unusual treat awaits the people of Downers Grove next Sunday evening at the union vesper service. The speaker is the Rev. L. B. Rogers, missionary on furlough from Burma. His subject is "Curios, Costumes and Customs of the Burmese." His lecture will be illustrated by many curios and costumes of both men and women of Burma. Mr. Rogers has spent fifteen years as a district superintendent of education and evangelism in the land whose people and customs he will describe. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity of learning of a distant part of our great world.

Rev. Nansen, pastor of First Evangelical church will preside and the people of the Congregational church will make the arrangements for seating and music.

A good attendance was present at the services held last Sunday evening when the Rev. A. S. Phelps, pastor of the Congregational church, preached the sermon.

These services have been well attended and will continue on the lawn at the First Methodist-Episcopal church during the month of August.

PLANE CRASHES AT NAPERVILLE; TWO BURNED

Naperville Boy and Pilot Killed When
Aeroplane Crashes to Street
and Burns Up.

Hundreds of persons fled into stores in Naperville last evening when an aeroplane, plunging at tremendous speed in a nose dive, darted into the center of Water street where it struck the pavement with a crash and in a second was a mass of fire.

Edward Schillo, a former racing driver, of Chicago, and Leroy Keller, of Naperville, his assistant and an overseas aviator, plunged 3,000 feet to death in the plane. Pinned under the wreckage, their bodies were burnt to a crisp as the gasoline tank ignited and a roaring column of flame kept away rescuers.

Schillo was alive when the plane hit. He made a frantic tug to free himself, but in vain. In a moment the flames swept over him. Only a belt buckle of Keller's and a watch of Schillo's remained to identify them when the wreckage had cooled.

Keller and his employer were flying from Chicago in Keller's plane to visit his father in Naperville. This was their custom, once a week, to come out for supper with the family.

Persons in the streets noticed the plane flying high, 3,000 feet at least, and suddenly it side-slipped and then started down. "It's Roy Keller, showing us some stunts," was the comment, but the huge plane continued down and down until it was apparent that it was out of control.

Once its nose tilted a little, as the pilot worked frantically at the "joy-stick" to get back his control, but his effort was futile and once more the plane resumed its sickening drop.

Another effort, this time to try to guide the machine into a big quarry, filled with water, just a few blocks from town. This, too, failed, and the frightened spectators saw that nothing could prevent the ship from striking in the center of the street.

Schillo could be seen struggling with the strength of doom to free himself from the metal and wood that held him down. Then there was a dull roar and a great wave of flame swept over the two men.

From the doorways the sickened spectators crept slowly. One man tried to get through to the plane but retreated, dazed. Firemen came but were of no use. The plane burned to a mass of twisted, blackened metal.

Schillo, who once had a national reputation as a speedway racer and Keller have flown long and frequently in Keller's plane. It was their joy, after a hard day's work, to climb into the plane at Checkerboard field—of which Schillo was manager—and fly out to Naperville of an evening.

BUYS PLANE FOR PLEASURE USE

The following item, clipped from the Maywood Herald-Recorder, is the first instance around Downers Grove that we know of, where a plane has been purchased just for pleasure purposes.

After driving an automobile for many years, Dr. H. C. Billig, who has offices in the Maywood Trust & Savings Bank building, has bought an airplane to be used for pleasure driving. He is now taking lessons from an experienced pilot and expects soon to be ready to take off himself and fly all alone.

The ship, which is a Curtis, has a speed of more than one hundred miles an hour. It was bought by Dr. Billig several weeks ago and was shipped to the Checkerboard field where it was assembled and tested.

The doctor will use the plane exclusively for pleasure and is contemplating taking a number of long trips as soon as he is able to handle the machine.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Hughes and family, of Highland avenue, left Wednesday morning on a motor trip through Indiana and Kentucky. They will visit the Mammoth caves of the latter state before returning here.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD MONDAY FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM

George Steib of Prince Avenue, Killed
in "Q" Freight Yards
Last Friday Morning.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Thomas George Steib, of 117 Prince avenue, who was accidentally killed about noon Friday while working at his job of yardmaster in the Burling yards in Chicago.

The minister of the First Church of Christ in Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, officiated at the services which were held at the family home. The "Q" yardmasters were pall bearers and he was buried at Fairmount cemetery near Western Springs with full Masonic honors by members of Green Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was a member of Sunrise Lodge, Chicago.

It was while directing a train in the yards at 16th and Steward st., that Steib met his death. The train was running alongside of what is known as the boathouse. Steib, standing between the stone walls of this house and the track, was signalling the crew where to place cars for loading into the house. Where the track curved slightly, a car swung in and pinned him between the wall and the car and rolled a short distance. If he had been standing two feet either way the chances are he would have been in the clear. An ambulance was called and he died on the way to the hospital.

Mr. Steib was born at Stony Ridge, Ohio, September 16, 1889 and has made Downers Grove his home since 1907. Married eight years ago to Elizabeth Buck, of Chicago, they have for the past three years made their home at 117 Prince avenue.

Besides his widow he leaves two children, Valina, seven, and George, Jr., two and a half; three brothers, John, of Toledo, Ohio; Frank, of Tomahawk, Wis., and Fred, of Downers Grove and three sisters Mrs. J. A. Clauson and Mrs. Chris Nopper, of Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Elsie Steib, of the village, to mourn his loss.

Mr. Steib has worked for the "Q" for a number of years, as towerman, switchman and finally was promoted to the job of yardmaster. He was well liked among the employees of the road and after the accident every thing was in readiness at the hospital to save his life if possible. But he was so badly crushed about the abdomen and hips that life was extinct before medical aid could be reached.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT BENSENVILLE SUNDAY, AUG. 20th

Evangelical Orphan and Old People's
Home to be Scene of Gathering
— A Fine Programme

The Evangelical Orphan and Old People's Home Festival, which is an annual event, will be held Sunday, August 20, morning and afternoon in the beautiful grounds of the Home at Bensenville. Many of the good friends of the institution take this opportunity to become better acquainted with the work being done among the children and old people there, and as many as three thousand people visit the home on the day of the festival.

A fine program has been arranged. A special service will be conducted in the morning, with a sermon by the Rev. C. Schaeffer, of Hammond, Ind., and songs by the orphans. In the afternoon the children will drill and sing, and an English service with a sermon by the Rev. F. W. Schroeder, of Chicago, will be conducted. Special preparations are also being made to meet all demands in regard to lunch, coffee and refreshments.

Trains will leave for Bensenville from the Union Station Chicago, 7:41 and 9:30 a. m., Chicago returning will leave Bensenville 5:10 and 6:12 p. m. Tickets may be purchased on the train. A pleasant day is assured all who attend the festival.