

LEVI MERTZ HELPS MOTHER CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Returns Tuesday from Vacation and Family Reunion at Enid, Oklahoma

Levi Mertz, of East Curtiss street, returned Tuesday morning from Enid, Oklahoma, where he attended a family reunion and celebration of the one hundredth birthday anniversary of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Mertz, last Friday, September 22.

The day was fittingly celebrated by members of Mrs. Mertz's family, many of whom went to Enid from far distant points to be present on her natal day. A reunion dinner was given Friday noon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Luther and her grand daughter, Mrs. Cecil Connor. Several items on the menu were cooked by Mrs. Mertz, who despite her 100 years on earth, still keeps house for her "baby," the youngest child, Lewis Mertz, fifty-nine years of age. She cooks three meals a day and does all the housework with the exception of the heavy work such as washing, ironing and so forth.

Mrs. Mertz will be remembered by



MRS. SARAH MERTZ
of Enid, Oklahoma, mother of Levi Mertz, of Downers Grove, who celebrated her 100th birthday last Friday September 22.

many of the old timers of Downers Grove and vicinity. Her son, Levi, is known to almost every resident of the community and to many people of the county.

Mrs. Mertz enjoys riding, she says, but has no desire to fly like a few modern grandmothers and when asked if she approved of the bobbed hair and short skirts of the present day flapper, she contrasted the girls of today and of her day when most of the day and the long hours of the evening were spent at the spinning wheel, sewing, cooking, and often in the fields. However, Mrs. Mertz does not censure the modern girl. Instead she believes that style, clothes and a good time occupy the minds of the girls of today because they have more time to think about such things.

Mrs. Mertz was born near Allentown, Pa., one hundred years ago. She was the daughter of John Setzer, also a native of Pennsylvania who was more highly educated than a great majority of the people of that time, he also acted as school teacher. Mrs. Mertz was seven years old when the first locomotive hauled the first train of cars and has lived to see the freak method of transportation, laughed at then, grow into one of the most powerful influences of civilization. In November, 1833, she slept through the most remarkable meteoric phenomena of history. The shooting stars of 1833 were widely believed to mean the end of the world, but John Setzer didn't think them important enough to even disturb his eleven year old daughter's sleep to show them to her.

She was married at the age of 18 to Edward Mertz. They had ten children, five girls and five boys, six of whom are dead and four living. The oldest child is living at the age

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AMERICA PROTESTS AGAINST SLAUGHTER

Innocent Smyrna Refugees in Pitiful Condition Without Food or Homes—All Non-Moslems in Danger of Extermination

Immediate action on the part of every one of us is necessary so as to save the victims of this most recent Turkish outrage. The Smyrna disaster is the most serious and horrifying that has occurred since the World War. Every hour counts.

Urgent cables plead for immediate help—"Tremendous relief problems calls for decisive action. Starvation taking heavy toll. Refugees' plight deplorable. Obligated abandon homes. Forced march one hundred miles in broiling sun. Survivors sick, starving, exhausted. Seven hundred thousand facing starvation."

Near East Relief stands ready to transmit overseas any funds contributed for Smyrna emergency relief. Everything possible to relieve the suffering of these stricken refugees is being done with the supplies available, but there is already an appalling shortage of food. What is wasted here daily will feed them.

Give, that innocent women and children may be saved. Contributions sent to this newspaper will be acknowledged through its columns. Or, send your contributions direct to George M. Reynolds, Treasurer, Near East Relief, 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

Frank P. ...
Chairman, Illinois Committee, Near East Relief.

WHAT IS THE INFANT WELFARE? WHAT DOES IT DO?

Every Woman Invited to Help in the Great Work With Babies of Congested Districts.

We have been asked several times what the Junior Infant Welfare committee of Downers Grove is and what it does.

The committee of Downers Grove works through the Hinsdale branch which is affiliated with the Burlington branch. The members here meet once a month, and sew on the material furnished them by the Hinsdale branch. This material is made into kits for the newly born babies of the congested districts of Chicago. The kits contain the really practical things necessary and which, in a great many cases, are not provided by the mothers of these infants, or if provided, are not the right kind.

A health center is maintained two days a week with a doctor and a nurse in charge and once a month a volunteer worker from here goes in to assist. The work at these centers is very practical as is all the work done by the welfare committees. The mothers are taught the proper food and care of infants, older children and themselves. They are given free medical advice and advice on the care and maintaining of their homes.

Quite a bit of the work this summer has been done among the poorer people of Lyons besides maintaining the regular station in Chicago.

The next meeting of the local committee will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert MacDougall, in Oakwood avenue, Thursday afternoon, October 5. A general invitation is extended to all women of the community to help in this work. There is room for all and enough work to keep many more busy than are now enrolled. A visit to the meeting and a talk with those in charge will convince anyone interested that the work is necessary and that a few hours a month devoted to it will repay anyone in the consciousness of having done good.

CHORAL SOCIETY ADDS MEMBERS AT THE LAST MEETING

Six New Applications Received—Total is Now 82—Male Voices Needed.

At the regular Friday evening meeting of the West Suburban Choral Society last week six new members took their places in the chorus. They are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Walter Sanders, Mrs. Paul Utley, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fox and Miss Teloir Hendren.

The chorus now has eighty-two members but a number of voices are yet needed to balance the parts, particularly bass and tenor voices. At least one hundred voices should be in the Christmas recital.

Those who are interested in the permanence of the society who are not now members are invited to join. Enter as active members or as sustaining members. Application blanks may be had from any member of the society and those interested may meet with the society any Friday evening at 7:30 in the Junior Elementary building.

DAN DIENER BACK FROM STORMY SESSION STATE LEGION

Has Been Appointed Alternate to the National Convention at New Orleans.

Dan Diener, commander of the local post of the American Legion, returned Tuesday noon from Rock Island where he attended the annual Department of Illinois convention of the American Legion. The convention was the most stormy in the history of the organization and several times the floor of the convention hall looked like a milling mob. Most of the uproar was in regard to the \$48,000 deficit of the state treasury, which grew to \$77,000 after a committee had investigated. Most of this money was spent to relieve down and out ex-service men and to forestall a recurrence of a deficit in the future the convention adopted a budget system.

Arthur Marriott, of Lombard, was appointed 11th district delegate to the National Convention to be held next month in New Orleans and Diener is alternate. Diener was a member of the credentials committee which seated many delegates which would otherwise have been ruled out by a technicality of the constitution.

The 11th district delegation was the center of a maelstrom in the election of a new state commander. Horace B. Hackett of the advertising men's post and Charles W. Schick the senior vice commander, were tied for the honor on the first ballot. The last delegation to report on the second ballot was from this district comprising the counties of DuPage, Will Kane and McHenry. The DuPage delegates stuck for Hackett in a body and so great was the pressure brought to bear on the delegation that the members were forced to caucus behind closed doors, with sergeants at arms on guard. The election went to Schick on the second ballot by a narrow margin.

Mrs. Wm. Straube was the delegate to the state convention of the Auxiliary held at Rock Island at the same time.

JNANANJAN NIYOGLI INDIAN LECTURER FAILS TO SHOW UP

Temperance Worker, Native of India. Still on the High Seas—Crowd Disappointed

Local people who attended the meeting at the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon to hear Jnananjan Niyogi, the native temperance lecturer from India, were very much disappointed at his not being there to speak.

Dr. George W. Morrow, of Detroit, who was to have introduced him, was present and made a temperance talk. In his introduction Dr. Morrow made excuses for the non-appearance of the Indian, saying that he was still on the high seas and the committee in this country in charge of his lecture tour had not been able to get in touch with him. He was expected any day and the dates had to be made in advance.

RECEPTION TO TEACHERS OPENS P.-T. ASSN. SEASON

Mrs. Philip Weinheimer Sang Two Groups of Songs at Kindergarten Thursday.

A reception to the public and high school teachers of this district and the teachers of the Kindergarten last Thursday evening at the Junior Elementary school in Grove street, was the official opening of the fall and winter season of the Parent-Teacher Association.

The evening's program was opened with community singing followed by Mrs. Philip Weinheimer who sang two delightful groups of songs accompanied by Mrs. Carlyle Stair. Another pleasing number of the evening was the reading of "The Mason Family" by Mrs. Lee, of Wayne. With her charming personality and her interpretation of the characters in this story of a typical "American Family," she brought both tears and laughter to her audience.

A. C. Miskelly, president of the association, in his welcome to those who attended the reception, took the opportunity of stating some of the more important ideas, ideals and purposes of the Parent-Teacher Association. He urged that every parent feel it a duty to become a member of the organization and back the local schools to the limit.

To close a very pleasant evening, light refreshments were served.

REPUBLICAN CLUB WOMEN TO ELECT OFFICERS OCT. 7th

Mrs. Mary Hight, Member State Committee, Spoke at Meeting Last Saturday

The DuPage County Women's Republican Club will meet at Wheaton next Saturday afternoon for the annual election of officers. The meeting will be held in the court room and every Republican woman voter in the county, whether or not they have yet affiliated with the club, is invited to be present, do so and participate in the selection of the 1922-23 officers and other business of the afternoon.

Quite a number attended the meeting at Wheaton last Saturday afternoon which was the first one following the summer vacation. Mrs. Mary Hight, from the Republican State headquarters, who has been campaigning for the ticket in Maine all summer, was the speaker of the afternoon. She expressed satisfaction with the forming of the club in this county and expressed the opinion that the women of this district would accomplish wonders if they could secure an organization which would function in the right way. She urged all who were there to enlist their friends and neighbors in the cause of showing the men voters that the women can use their franchise privileges intelligently.

At the meeting next Saturday another speaker from the state headquarters will be present.

Miss Hatlie Glos has been appointed by the State Republican committee chairman as chairman of the Woman's Committee of DuPage County officially connected with the State Central Committee.

BUY ONLY LONG HAUL R. R. STOCK NOW SAYS BABSON

Statistical Expert Explains Reasons For Not Purchasing Short Haul Securities.

Wellesley Hills, Mass., September 28, 1922. Since the settlement of the railroad strike many tips have come from Wall Street relative to the purchase of railroad securities. Relative to these recommendations Roger W. Babson today issued the following statement:

"There is no doubt but that the settlement of the railroad strike is favorable to general business. Owing to the coal situation, such a settlement was absolutely necessary. Moreover, it has been more or less favorable to the railroads. The wage-workers have gone back at the rates determined by the Railroad Labor Board and most of those who went out on strike are sorry that they did it. The seniority question was settled on a 50-50 basis, neither side claiming victory. This also is well for all concerned because the railroads are now able to restore seniority rights to the good men who deserve them and to withhold them from those who do not. Wall Street is justified in sending out reports that the settlement is favorable to railroad securities.

"The settlement of the strike on the present basis should also prompt both sides to 'count ten' before another strike is precipitated. In other words, the railroad strike was expensive for both the railroads and the wage-workers. The wage-workers today realize that the railroads are stronger and better able to handle a labor situation than has been the case for many years, while the railroads have greater respect for the labor unions than they have had heretofore. All of this means that when another difference arises both sides will be anxious to patch up the difficulty before a strike is called instead of being anxious to precipitate a strike as seems to have been the case two months ago. Therefore, barring the European situation which may adversely affect all securities, I feel fairly optimistic on railroad securities. I say that the European situation may adversely affect all securities because people are liable to rush to sell their European securities and in so doing all securities will be affected, even the another European war would ultimately help our industrial and indirectly our railroads.

"Railroad securities, however, must be bought with great discrimination. The time is past when all railroads are good or bad. The next few years will witness as great changes in the railroad field as the past ten years witnessed in the traction field. Railroads have already felt the effects of pleasure automobiles, but they have not really begun yet to feel the effects of auto trucking. The trucking of goods within radii of 50 or 100 miles has only begun and this radius may readily be extended to cover 200 or 250 miles. Trans-continental systems such as the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Southern Pacific, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and Atchison have nothing to fear from the trucks. In fact, the trucks may help them. Roads like the New York Central; Baltimore & Ohio and the Southern can survive and perhaps profit under this competition. With a road such as the Boston & Maine, New Haven, Pennsylvania, Chicago & North Western, Reading and the like, this is not true. These roads are bound to suffer far more from the truck than they now think possible.

"We shall live to see great highways built by the state exclusively for truck use. Railroads are destined ultimately to lose all of their short haul business and hence the roads which are in comparatively small and compact territories are sure to suffer. The only hope for such roads as the Boston & Maine and New Haven is to sell certain of their rights of way to the state in order that the tracks may be removed and concrete highways laid in their place. Many roads have parallel lines today under their control. The wise railroad company will develop one of these for itself and will sell the other at a good price to the state for a concrete truck highway. Frankly, I would rather take my chances with concrete than with railroad securities." (Continued on Page 7)

BIG FIRE LOSS YESTERDAY WHEN LAUNDRY BURNS

Firemen, With the Aid of Fire Truck Save Schmidt Barn and Row of Homes.

The building in South Main street, just north of Maple avenue, owned by George Hoffert and occupied by the Downers Grove Laundry—Cline, Whidden & Cline, was practically destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The origin of the devastating flames is unknown, but it is thought that the conflagration started from the chimney in the rear of the building. This is where it was discovered and where most of the damage was done.

So great a start had the flames before the arrival of the fire department, that great sheets of fire mounted skyward. Flying embers set fire to the roof of the old Quirin Schmidt livery barn in Grove street now used for the storage of autos, and had it not been for the efficient work of the firemen, aided by the auto truck, this barn and the row of houses to the west must have inevitably gone up in smoke. This is another great saving of property which must be attributed to the firemen in their efforts in bringing the fire truck, with its pumping apparatus, to the village.

Mr. Hoffert had the building partially covered by insurance and the laundry proprietors were partly protected by insurance on their machinery and stock.

No laundry was burned at all as quick work on the part of the proprietors and employees took all the contents of the danger zone. The only trouble will be in sorting the articles.

When the Schmidt barn caught fire and it seemed if nothing could save it, a number of volunteers entered the building and quickly removed all the cars. They were run out on Grove street and owners had difficulty in finding them.

So hot were the flames from the burning structure that it was almost impossible for the fire boys to approach close enough to do any good. Only when they quenched the flames in the front of the building and ran a lead of hose into the second story window could one see that they were gradually winning over the devouring element.

With the start the building had, and the fact that it is an old one and dry as tinder, it is fortunate that the men were able to save even what they did. Had the blaze started at night nothing could have been saved.

From the time the crank was turned on the Fred Heinke phone, next door to the laundry to turn in the alarm, until the fire truck stopped in front of the building was just a minute and a half. This is a record which much larger fire departments, having real alarm systems, might well envy.

Chief Henry Dicke has nothing but praise for the manner in which the men handled the details of the fire. He says every man was on the job and worked hard. He admits that at one stage of the conflagration he was ready to call on the Aurora fire department for an additional truck to come and help fight the flames.

This is the second time a fire has occurred at this place. August 28, 1893, the harness shop, which then stood between the laundry building and Sam Hoffert's blacksmith shop, caught fire. With only hand apparatus, no water pressure and a high wind, the three buildings and Quirin Schmidt's livery barn were burned to the ground. The harness shop was not rebuilt, the Hoffert shop being later built of brick and the other building of frame.

MRS. THOMAS BUNNING

After weeks of illness the last few days of which death was expected at any time, Mrs. Thomas Bunning passed peacefully away at her home in Gilbert avenue yesterday afternoon. Long a resident of Downers Grove, she has made a host of friends and many will mourn the passing of Mrs. Bunning, as she was known to many. It is probably that funeral services will be held from St. Joseph's church tomorrow morning.