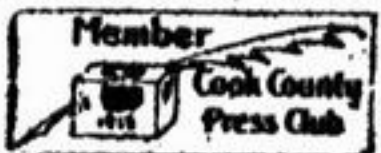


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THE CHILDREN'S KINGDOM

The baby of the manger, overlooked by the milk-eyed oxen and worshipped by the wise men with their frankincense and myrrh, came to establish a new kingdom — the Kingdom of God.

One other kingdom He established on this earth to make glad the hearts of all at this blessed season — The Children's Kingdom of Christmas.

At midnight the portals which shut His magic kingdom off from the workaday world swing silently open. At dawn the little people of the realm begin to troop into it.

The horns blow, the rattles sound, the drums' beat, rations of sugar plums and comfits are served out to the pajama-clad army.

It is a great day, a day of sweet foolishness, a time for the baring of hearts too long screened from the eyes that long to look into them and see love enthroned.

Make the most of it, the best of it and all you can of it. It comes but once a year. Most people find themselves unable to buy the presents they would like to buy for Christmas.

The DAY should break down every barrier between hearts estranged, and be the starting point for better relations and new affections — and above all, it should be the day of the Children's Kingdom.

And whenever Christmas is made the children's festival — based on LOVE — His gentle spirit will be in the midst of it.

(Editor's Note — For the Christmas edition of The Reporter in 1920, we asked H. P. Jones, of Gilbert avenue, to write a message of the Christmas-tide. He did, and we believed it was one of the best things we ever published.

THE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION AND THE SCHOOLS

Next Tuesday evening, December 19 at the Methodist church will be held the regular monthly meeting and dinner of the Citizens' Association.

The association now numbers more than two hundred members and in this number are among the most progressive men of the community. They are banded together to make Downers Grove a better place for themselves and their families.

The association tackled the community athletic field when it seemed as if it would fall through and we will have the best in the county next

year. They have a real program for the members to ponder over and work for. They will do things.

If, through the meeting next Tuesday, should come some solution of the school problem of this district, the association would deserve the thanks of everyone.

If you are interested in the future of the schools of the district, if you believe that Downers Grove has a future, if you would like to see progress, investigate the association — we do not say join because we know that will be the logical outcome of a thorough investigation.

BACK ON AN OLD SUBJECT

More than a year ago The Reporter started an agitation for a roadway through the park on the north side of the tracks between Main street and Washington, similar to the one at Hinsdale.

"Why not suggest to the Village Council that they arrange with the C. B. & Q. to cut off quite a chunk of the corners of the park at Main street and Warren avenue so as to give autoists a fair show where there is so much traffic, close calls from collisions can be seen there every day.

The man or woman who today is not aware of the fact that the automobile, both pleasure and business, is with us to stay and that the use of these vehicles will increase with the passage of time, is woefully behind the times.

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ROAD COMMITTEES OF FOUR COUNTIES MEET AT WHEATON

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A luncheon is to be held at one o'clock at the Wheaton Cafe.

BOY SCOUT NOTES

On account of the importance of having each Troop Committee fully organized so that they can start into the work of the new year with a complete organization, there will be held at the school house at 7:45 p. m. see how scouts in Ohio spend their Tuesday, December 19, a meeting of time in camp. Be there to see these the Committeemen of all the Troops of Downers Grove; and this will mean Christmas is but a dozen days a postponement of the Scout Leaders away — SCOUTS REMEMBER — Round Table and Training Class YOUR SPECIAL GOOD TURN FOR meeting until the following month. CHRISTMAS!



Saturday afternoon the Bear Patrol of troop 3, with Scoutmaster Sweeney, took the train to LaGrange and hiked from there to the Scout cabin in the LaGrange Frost Preserve for an overnight camp.

Tuesday Troop 3 held their annual election of non-commissioned officers. Ed. Adams was elected Patrol Leader of the Wolf Patrol with Roy Wedell as Assistant.

The Troop will have a Saturday afternoon hike December 9. Meet at school house at 2:15 p. m. Wear woolen socks, suitable shoes for hiking and warm outer clothing and we'll away for an exploration hike!

Troop 4 is to be re-registered this week with nine active members over 12 years and about that many under 12, that are listed as Prep. Scouts.

Troop 2 also sends in their re-registration this week. It has been somewhat delayed this year on account of the re-organization of the Troop.

Winter camp at Lake Delavan will be the outing of great experience, fun and knowledge for the Scouts. The dates are December 26 to January 1. Notify your Scoutmaster or Executive Lott if you are going.

One of the principles or practices of Scouting is for the Scout to earn the money for his uniform; but since the Christmas spirit brings the giving of gifts, it is a practical suggestion for parents to get their boy the long-wished for uniform for Christmas. Nothing would please him better. Uniforms can be had for approximately \$7.50 including the hat and can be purchased at the Fair, the Hub, or other department stores in the city when proper Scout credentials are shown.

Here's something that you have been waiting for — Boys and Parents! Two reels of Boy Scout movies, showing Scouts in camp. Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22 at the Dicke Theatre. The reels will be shown immediately after the first show and also after the second if the crowd warrants the second showing. Parents that did not get to visit the scout camp last summer will enjoy seeing the boys in action in complete organization, there will be held at the school house at 7:45 p. m. see how scouts in Ohio spend their Tuesday, December 19, a meeting of time in camp. Be there to see these the Committeemen of all the Troops of Downers Grove; and this will mean Christmas is but a dozen days a postponement of the Scout Leaders away — SCOUTS REMEMBER — Round Table and Training Class YOUR SPECIAL GOOD TURN FOR meeting until the following month. CHRISTMAS!

America's Food and Medicine May Go for Naught if Russians Cannot Secure Clothing



"If Russia's children and adults as well, are to be saved from death this winter from exposure — after the charity of America has brought them through the famine of last winter, they must be supplied with clothing." This is a consensus of opinion of the American Relief Administration staff in Russia, from Colonel Haakell down to the inspectors, according to their reports to Herbert Hoover, head of the A. R. A.

Russian winter. And the need of aid in this direction for adults, too, is indicated by statements of recently returned workers, who state that in cases where Russian employees have been given a blanket for extra services the blankets have almost invariably been made into overcoats. Literally millions of children, say reports, have no shoes — an item which in itself may make it impossible for them to go to American Relief child-feeding kitchens. Free shoes and stockings have been provided for 250,000 children who are absolutely without footwear, but the whole problem is beyond the reach of any general funds now available.

Food Remittance. For twenty dollars, sent to the A. R. A. at 42 Broadway, New York, the following articles, or their equivalent in value, will be delivered to any designated person in Russia: 4-2-3 yards of twenty-seven ounce dark blue wool cloth; 4 yards of thirty-two inch black cotton lining; 8 yards of twenty-seven inch flannel; 16 yards of unbleached muslin; 8 large black ivory buttons; 16 small black ivory buttons; 16 small white bone buttons; 2 spools No. 30 black cotton thread; 2 spools No. 40 white cotton thread.

"Anything To Wear" Motto of Russian Boys Who Face Death from Lack of Clothes



"Anything to wear" will be the motto of these three Russian boys during the coming winter months. Their condition is typical of that of millions of little Russian children, most of whom have come through the summer without shoes and socks, and they face the prospect, according to reports which field workers of the American Relief Administration have made to Herbert Hoover, head of the organization — of being unable to go out doors to the A. R. A. kitchens which have fed them warm meals for a year or more. As fuel is almost impossible to get, most of the homes will be heatless, adding to the peril the children face, say the reports, for if they try to go out in this scanty clothing they will be exposed to illness and death from the elements.

The Russian winter is as severe as that of the northernmost United States and Canada, and this has made the problem doubly pressing, for the Russian markets have little clothing available, and the supply that is for sale is held at prices far above the reach of the average workman. Overcoats cost more than a year's salary. Some of the organizations allied with the American Relief Administration have sent clothing for distribution in Russia, but these contributions, big as they are, have been "only a drop in the bucket."

age contains sufficient material for a suit or dress and four suits of underwear for man or woman or two children. The items include 4-2-3 yards of 56-inch 20-ounce dark blue wool cloth; 4 yards of 36-inch black cotton lining; 8 yards of 27-inch flannel; 16 yards of unbleached muslin; and buttons and thread to make up the garments. When the money is received at A. R. A. headquarters, 42 Broadway, New York, delivery of packages purchased without designated consignees, will be distributed among the most needy cases, many of which are beyond description. Delivery of clothing packages is undertaken to any given address in Russia. The sender receives a direct receipt from the Russian who gets the clothing.

HOME SWEET HOME. Clear Lines Another Argument. by Terry Gillison.

YOU GIVE IN TOO EASY OLLIE! ARGUE THE POINT OUT WITH HIM.

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU MEN - YOU WIN BY FORCE NOT BY SOUND LOGIC - YOU.

GOODNESS GRACIOUS AUNT WATTIE - I ADMITTED IN THE ARGUMENT THAT I WAS WRONG!

YES - BUT YOU NEVER ADMITTED THAT I WAS RIGHT!

HOME HABITS. HAVE YOU SENT US A HOME HABITS. R.F. SAYS HIS WIFE ALWAYS HIDES THE MONEY 'ROUND THE HOUSE WHERE SHE OR NOBODY ELSE CAN FIND IT - YOU SEND US ONE. WE WILL PRINT IT.