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What Can You Spare?

From your canned fruit or vegetables? The barrel which was to have been packed last week for the Crippled Children's Guild of Buffalo, was not finished on account of there being an insubstantiality of the above named articles brought to the library Wednesday night. Will you not give something for this worthy cause? This appeal is for the Minerva ladies, only, but to everyone who feels that he or she can give a little for this charity. Bring your offering to Library Hall, Wednesday morning, or see that it goes to Mrs. Jennie Bly, who has charge of the barrel.

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Minerva Club.

OPEN MEETING.

That the people of Sherman and vicinity are interested in the Minerva Club and its work this year on Present Day problems, was shown Wednesday evening when about one hundred persons attended the open meeting at Library Hall. While the Club had hoped for a large attendance, the number present was much larger than was expected.

Mrs. Dorman, the Club President, presided. After a piano solo by Miss Grace Miles, Mrs. Wagner gave a talk on Current Events. Among other things, she mentioned the passage of a new tariff bill, the income tax bill, the impeachment of Governor Sulzer, the Mexican situation, system of penitentiaries in the Philippines, destruction of Nome, Alaska, British politics, first election in the Chinese republic, and the discovery of the germ of rabies.

Master Lloyd Huff recited in a pleasing manner the "Story of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata." Miss Miles playing part of the above selection on the piano to illustrate the story.

Mrs. E. O. Buss gave an interesting talk on "The Social Center." She explained the social center as a general gathering place of the people of a neighborhood, and showed the need of them today. She said the church was an individual organization and would never do for a social center; that the logical place for citizens to meet was the school house. She described the first organization of the kind which was started in Rochester, N. Y., February 15, 1907, when delegates from twelve organizations, representing 50,000 people, met in the Chamber of Commerce and asked the mayor and common council to appropriate \$5,000 for a social center. The school board was given authority to use the money for school yard and playground purposes. More meetings of the citizens were held and the social center was seen to be a means by which the people could manage their own affairs. They discussed questions of public interest, also the duties of aldermen, the school system, and the telephone situation. Requests came from distant parts of the city that the school houses in certain districts be opened for social centers for neighborhood political discussions.

The second season there were ten school houses in the city so used, and \$10,000 was appropriated for the work. The third year, the first dental office was installed in a school house, followed by an art gallery, the local theater office, and a moving picture theater. That year the appropriation was \$20,000.

Mrs. Buss told how the city made the mistake of not putting its mayor at the head of the social center, and how it was fought by bossism and even the newspapers. She described how the idea of the school house for the social center has been transplanted in the West and how successful, particularly in Wisconsin, it has become. She showed the possibility open to the rural community of making its school house a place for neighborhood gatherings, and thought it would have a tendency to keep the boys and girls on the farm.

In closing, she pictured an ideal school house. It would be located in a park; it would have an auditorium for political gatherings, concerts and socials, with movable seats and a stage, so that it might be used for dancing; there would be a gymnasium, a swimming pool, a reading room, a place in the basement for bowling and billiards, and a restaurant; it would be in fact, a club house.

Mrs. M. J. Blanden gave an interesting talk on "The Montessori System." She said this new system of elementary education was founded by Dr. Maria Montessori of Rome, Italy. Children of four and five years of age, trained by this method, can read, write and do number work, as well as our third grade pupils. The system is based upon two fundamental principles: the complete liberty of the child in its spontaneous manifestations, and the utilization of every atom of the natural energy. True discipline is founded only on liberty. Repression does not fit the

child for actual life. The child trained to self-control will discipline himself. The Montessori system teaches to avoid the repression of all spontaneous acts and claims the aim of discipline is to train to action and work, thus developing independence. Rewards and punishments are not believed in.

The children attend the school from 9 a. m. until 5 or 5:30 p. m. Only a small part of the day is spent in the school house, the larger part being taken up with play, exercises, rest and the serving of the noon luncheon, which the children do themselves. The training of the senses is a most important part of the system. The letters and objects are learned through the sense of touch. The child is not allowed to make mistakes or to use material until he understands what to do with it. The teaching is done individually, one teacher and her assistant being able to direct twenty-five or thirty children.

The system was introduced into America in 1911, by Miss Anna George, the first American pupil of Madame Montessori, the school being at Tarrytown, N. Y. In 1912, a school was opened at Washington, D. C., and last January, the first training school under this system, was established in the same city. In May, a Montessori educational association was formed in Washington. While the work in America met with many discouragements at first, by using much rhythm and out-of-door work, good results began to show. As soon as the child became interested, the battle was won. Largely through the efforts of Miss George has the work made successful progress in America.

Miss Grace Edmunds gave a vocal solo accompanied by Miss Baker.

A discussion of the Central High School idea followed, led by Mrs. Bly. She said it was not possible for the one-room school to give the country boys and girls the necessary educational advantages, and quoted from the Secretary of Agriculture, that the rural schools lack funds, equipment, and competent teachers, and have too small buildings and unsanitary surroundings; that there are thousands of these schools in the country, with thirty or forty pupils under a young and incompetent teacher; that the country boys and girls are not getting a square deal.

Dr. Wagner said it was impossible for the teacher in the rural school to give the necessary time to each class. He showed the advantages of the central school over the one-room school in comforts, better teachers and equipment.

Prin. Blanden told of results where the central school plan has been tried, particularly in Connecticut, where the high schools are all located in the cities.

Miss Jennie Swezey told how the plan had worked out in different places and said that in no instance where it had been tried had the people gone back to the old way.

Dist. Supt. Marshall gave examples of when many rural schools had only a very few pupils and showed that it cost more to educate pupils in the rural school, hence it is a waste of public money to maintain them.

Miss Edmunds gave another vocal solo, after which the president invited the guests to remain for a social hour.

Light refreshments of sherbet and cookies were served by ladies of the Club.

George H. Chace.

George H. Chace, father of Frank H. Chace of this place, died at the home of his son, John H. Chace near Harbor Creek, Pa., Sunday, October 12, 1913, aged 73 years and 2 months. He had been in poor health for some time, but his last illness was only of about ten days duration, heart trouble being the cause of death. Besides the two sons mentioned above, he leaves one son, Lewis Chace of Idaho, also four daughters: Mrs. Clarence Tryon of South Ripley, Mrs. Frank Sears and Mrs. Carl Swartz of Volusia, and Miss Flora Chace of Philadelphia.

The funeral was held at the South Ripley church today.

Burdick-Erickson Wedding.

A very pretty autumn wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burdick near Fredonia, Wednesday at high noon, when their only daughter, Grace Irene, was united in marriage to Mr. C. Arthur Erickson of Sherman. The house was very prettily decorated with autumn leaves and ferns. The ceremony which was informal, was performed in the presence of about forty near relatives and friends, Rev. C. C. Cornwell of Sherman, officiating, the simple ring service being used.

Following the congratulations a very nice dinner was served, under the direction of a Fredonia caterer.

After the repast and while the guests were out doors enjoying the beautiful day, the bride and groom slipped away in an automobile before anything could be done to interfere with them. They will be absent about two weeks on a wedding trip and later will be at home on First avenue in Sherman.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have a host of friends who will wish them a long and happy life. Mrs. Erickson has taught several years in our school and been one of our most popular teachers. Mr. Erickson is a valued and trusted employee of the Pennsylvania railroad in the Sherman station and worthy of the one who is to be his life partner.

Those from Sherman who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Erickson and son, Frank, Rev. and Mrs. Cornwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Legters, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Phelps, Misses Louise Hart and Ethel Homewood, Messrs. Willis Stevens and Frank Edmunds.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

The Young People's Society had a most interesting meeting Sunday evening. Miss Jennie Swezey had charge of the program, which was a decided novelty and most impressive. It was the first of the new study of immigration and the subject was, "The Old Home." John Moran explained by a map the source of a large percentage of our immigrants of today. Linda Warnhouse dressed in an Italian costume told of her home life in Italy, her family and their reasons for coming to America. Miss Louise Hart and her traveling companions, Helen Hart, Kenneth Cornwell and Gladys Marshall, told of their trip through the Balkan states. Others who assisted in the program were Misses Ella Hart, Mary Collin and Ethel Homewood. Notwithstanding the rain, there was a large attendance.

The Parish Society will meet in the church parlors Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, to work for the Annual Linen Sale.

Miss Gertrude Thayer has organized a choir of the young people of the church, and they are doing good work.

All contributions to the Missionary barrel should be left at the Parish Rooms by Friday of this week.

M. E. Church Notes.

Services for next Sunday will be as follows:

Public worship at 10:45 a. m., sermon by the pastor, Rev. E. Wayne Robinson. Topic, "The smile that won't come off." Special music.

Sunday School at 12 m., Mr. E. O. Buss, superintendent. The Sunday School is taking on new life. Let's make it the rule to stay to Sunday School.

Epworth League service at 6:30 p. m. Young people who are not in the habit of attending this service, you surely are not aware of how much you are missing, or you would not fail to be present. Spirited singing; five talks.

Public preaching services at 7:30 p. m. Topic, "A Fly in the Ointment."

Everybody—we shall be glad to see you, and we hope you may be glad to see us.

The old Beaujean House at Mayville has been razed by its owner, Seth Scriven. The lot will probably be used for building purposes, though it is a little too far out for a business place.

Summary of World's Series

TUESDAY.

At New York—Marquard, Crandall and Tesreau pitchers for New York; Meyers, catcher; Bender pitcher and Schang catcher for Philadelphia. Score, 6 to 4 in favor of Philadelphia.

WEDNESDAY.

At Philadelphia—Mathewson p., McLean and Wilson c. for New York; Plank p. and Lapp c. for Philadelphia. Score, 3 to 0 in favor of New York.

THURSDAY.

At New York—Tesreau and Crandall p., Wilson and McLean c. for New York; Bush p. and Schang c. for Philadelphia. Score, 8 to 2 in favor of Philadelphia.

FRIDAY.

At New York—Demaree and Marquard p., McLean and Wilson c. for New York; Bender p. Schang c. for Philadelphia. Score, 6 to 5 in favor of Philadelphia.

SATURDAY.

At New York—Mathewson p., McLean c. for New York; Plank p., Lapp c. for Philadelphia. Score, 3 to 1 in favor of Philadelphia. Series closed.

Totals in five games: New York, 15 runs, 33 hits, 7 errors. Philadelphia, 23 runs, 46 hits, 5 errors.

Hallowe'en Doings.

Hallowe'en entertainments will be given on Friday evening, October 31, by the pupils of Sherman High School. Supper will be served in the parlors of the Presbyterian church from 5:30 to 7:30; an entertainment by the pupils of the grades will occur at Library Hall at 8 o'clock, also amusing programs will be given in the Town Hall and Opera House from 8 o'clock 'til late in the evening. The proceeds of these entertainments and supper will be used for the equipment of the gymnasium of the new school house. Let every one help to make it a great financial success, as this will probably be the only effort by the pupils this year. Let every one respond generously to the solicitations made by the pupils.

Matter Adjusted.

The complaint against the Jamestown-Westfield trolley line for lack of toilet facilities on its cars was adjusted before the Public Service Commission at Jamestown, Saturday. The Company is to furnish toilet facilities at the West Third street waiting room in Jamestown, Hotel Imperial, Celoron; waiting rooms at Lakewood, Ashville, Cheney's Point, Snow, Mayville, Westfield and Lake Shore Railway, Westfield. Conductors will stop all cars at these stations to accommodate passengers who request it, and public notice is to given of this fact.

John Reinhardt, a farmer who operates a saw mill several miles south of North East, was badly hurt recently by backing against a revolving saw, which cut through three ribs in his back. His condition is critical.

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