

IMPROVERS' CLUBS TO BATTLE HOLDUPS

Some Expect to Follow Example Set by Southwest Improvement Club.

KEEP FIREARMS HANDY

Improvement clubs are becoming interested in a class of night workers who impede the progress of peaceful citizens and take their money under threats of violence. The police refer to these men as "stick-up artists."

F. W. Fitch of the Southwest Improvement club states that if other improvement clubs would follow the citizen police system of his club the situation would be solved.

"During a carnival of outlawry a few years ago the Southwest club formed a body of sixty citizen police, who are armed and ready to respond at a minute's notice. Do we have holdups in our district?" asked Mr. Fitch.

The Southwest Improvement club plan works like this:

If a citizen is held up in the district between Twentieth street and Park avenue, Leavenworth to Pierce streets, he should locate one of these minute men, who will summon other minute men, and they will hunt for the highwaymen. These minute men also keep their eye on suspicious strangers observed within the jurisdiction of the club.

Several victims of recent holdups have been called to the police station to look over suspects under arrest, but none have been positively identified. One victim, however, partially identified two of the alleged hold-up men.

Police officers have dropped the investigation of the case of Frank A. Franks, 1408 North Sixteenth street, who reported that he was robbed twice. They announced that they have reason to believe that Franks had some ulterior motive in claiming to have been robbed.

John Hogue, Civil War Veteran, Called by Death

John Hogue, aged 79 years, died Thursday night at his home in Benson, 6129 Main street. He was a native of Ohio and served four years and three months during the civil war with the "Wisconsin Eagles" regiment. He has lived in Benson since 1907. He is survived by a widow and three children, Mrs. Maud Pearson of Denver, Mrs. Mame Robinson of Iowa and John of Palestine, Tex. The funeral will be held from his late home Saturday at 2 o'clock, with interment in Mount Hope cemetery.

Mid-Term Class Day Exercises Are Held At Comenius School

Seven pupils received diplomas at the class day exercises held at Comenius school Friday afternoon. They were: William Cejnar, Frank Comine, Victor Elias, Lillian Pospichal, Blanche Bartos, Sylvia Riha and Olga Brodli. The class day program was as follows:

Song—"The Web of Life," school.
Recitation—"Integer Vitae," school.
Recitation—"Polonium," Advice to His Son," school.
Recitation—"How Did You Die?" Frank Comine.
Song—"Slumber Song," school.
Recitation—"Tom Sawyer Washes the Fence," Sylvia Riha.
Song—"My Old Kentucky Home," school.
Recitation—"Life of Mary Lyon," Lillian Pospichal.
Song—"The Fairy Revolt," school.
Recitation—"The Old Man Went to Town," Blanche Bartos.
Recitation—"The Hills of Atr," Olga Brodli.
Song—"Lovers' Appar," school.
Address—William Cejnar.
Address—Principal Karl P. Adams.
Recitation—"The Builders," school.
Song—"Silent Hymn," school.

Over 125 new members have been added to the "Twenty-One Club," an organization of the Monmouth Park school for the boosting of ideals. One of the pledges required of the members is "Realizing our nation's need of clean, strong, efficient men, and hoping to be such a man myself, I hereby promise to abstain from every use of tobacco until I am 21 years of age."

About the busiest print shop in the city is that at the Fort school for boys, where the pupils are now busily engaged in turning out class day programs for the many schools which will have their class day exercises next Friday. Besides the program, the class is printing the "Vocational News," a four-page monthly paper, that is to make its initial appearance in February. The "Vocational News" is being put out in the interest of the vocational bureau.

Women Pilot Children To Special Movie Shows

A party of sixty from the School for the Deaf will attend the special children's movie programs arranged by the educational committee of the Omaha Woman's club for the Strand and Muse theaters, this morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Ferd Schick will take ten kiddies from the Child Saving institute.

Mrs. H. R. Riley will take a party of children from the neighborhood of Thirty-second and Harney; Mrs. J. H. Dumont will give a movie party for her grandchildren, and Mrs. J. W. Robbins will chaperone a party of children to the movies.

IMPROVERS WANT NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Belvidere-Newport Club and Northwest Federation Sanction a Bond Issue.

FOR COMMERCE SCHOOL

At a joint meeting in the Belvidere school Thursday evening, the Northwest Federation of Improvement Clubs and the Belvidere-Newport Improvement club endorsed the proposition of a bond issue for a new high school of commerce as outlined by Principal Adams of the school when speaking to these organizations a month ago.

Last year the Board of Education acquired a site at Twenty-second and Chicago streets for a new commercial high school. The bond issue of \$1,000,000 voted more than a year ago was to include this school, but the unexpected increase in construction upset the plans of the school officials. It is believed there will be little or no money left from that bond issue after the grade school building program shall have been carried out.

Principal Adams will speak this

evening at the Dundee community center in the Dundee school on this proposition.

Courses Popular.
The present High School of Commerce embraces the old Leavenworth school at Seventeenth and Leavenworth streets, two annexes on the site and a string of rented store rooms along Leavenworth street.

It is the contention of Principal Adams that recent growth of this institution warrants the prediction that it will not be long before its attendance is more than the Central High school.

The location of the new site on Chicago street makes it feasible to heat the proposed new school from the Central High school grounds.

Omaha Athletic Club Bonds Bought by a Local Firm

In competition with two Chicago and two St. Louis bond houses, Burns, Brinker & Co. of this city were successful bidders for \$375,000 Omaha Athletic club bonds.

These bonds are first mortgage, serial, bear 6 per cent interest, run from two to fifteen years and are tax exempt to investors.

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A Sharpening of Swords, Instead of Peace

a stiffening of the resolve to fight on to victory or the bitter end, would seem to be the chief result of President Wilson's efforts to hasten the end of the war in Europe.

This conclusion is reached after reading the Entente Allies' reply to President Wilson's proposal for peace negotiations, although in some quarters it may be felt that there is still a loophole for a continuance of peace discussion. Lloyd-George, the British Premier, supplements the stiffness of the Allies' answer by saying in his Guildhall speech that "The Allies are still convinced that even war is better than peace at the price of Prussian domination over Europe," and that before anyone can "attempt to rebuild the temple of peace, they must see that the foundations are solid."

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for January 20th, the leading article deals with the Entente Allies' response to President Wilson's request to the warring Powers, and in the form of quotations from statesmen and leading newspapers gives an all-sided presentation of public opinion on the subject.

Among other articles of unusual interest in this week's issue are:

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