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HUNDREDS CELEBRATE BIRTH-DAY ANNIVERSARY FRIDAY.

Auditorium Thronged at the Methodist Third Annual Patriotic Banquet—The Toasts.

Music and oratory of a patriotic nature opened the third annual patriotic banquet, given by the First Methodist Episcopal church of Downers Grove, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Washington's birthday at the Auditorium Friday evening. Four hundred people, who came to enjoy and participate in the annual celebration, raised their voices in the grand old hymn "Coronation," led by the orchestra seated on the stage.

Every seat at the six long tables was taken at 7:30 o'clock when the banquet opened with an overture by the Zenda orchestra. Distinguished guests and the speakers sat at a table placed at the head of the hall where a good view might be had from all of the tables, which were handsomely decorated with cut flowers and ferns. The blending of a multitude of colors, the waving of handkerchiefs and the swift movements of applauding hands proclaimed the success of what has grown to be one of the most popular annual observances of Downers Grove.

Rev. Edgar H. Libby asked the divine blessing and the guests proceeded with the enjoyment of the varied menu provided. Souvenir programs containing the menu and arrangement of toasts, printed in patriotic colors, with a picture of the church and an American flag on the outer pages were laid at each place.

Rev. Herbert H. Bond presided as toastmaster and in behalf of the church welcomed the guests. His brilliant remarks during the evening in introducing the speakers were greatly appreciated. These were varied with a number of clever anecdotes and kept the guests in constant good humor throughout the long program.

The program of toasts opened with a prayer by Rev. C. J. Pope, which was followed by a male quartet—Messrs. A. C. Wheeler, V. R. Lovell, H. R. Wheeler and L. R. Puffer—in "One Hundred Years Ago" and was followed by an encore.

Mrs. Ida M. Slusser responded to the toast "Washington," and reviewed at length the impressions made by his home life which in after years stamped the impress of his life and character more deeply on American affairs than any one whose feet have touched American soil. Washington's home was not only broadly Christian but broadly cultured, with generations of right living behind it. This was responsible for his steadfastness of purpose and unwavering zeal in all his undertakings. The necessity of the hour developed in him the noblest type of manhood obtained by any people. Washington's love of his home was touched upon as well as his conservatism. His fitness for the leadership of men was not developed until he had passed his fortieth year. It was Valley Forge, she said, that first won him a place in the hearts of his countrymen. Washington lost more battles than he won, but he knew how to rise after defeat, he knew how to wait for justice and finally to wear modestly the victor's crown. Throughout all his career he lived up to the highest ideals of patriotic, unselfish and Christian manhood. Many phases of his life were elaborated on in detail and she closed with a quotation from his farewell address in which he says the support of political prosperity are religion and morality.

"Hitch-hits" was the subject of Miss Gertrude Gibbs response. Its place in history was shown, for without it, she said, there would have been no United States, and no George Washington. The incident of the cherry tree was related. His cleverness in staying parental wrath was attributed to sagacity in sidestepping the situation, and there the lad learned the great lesson: never tell a lie when the truth will serve better. That the present generation has still a disposition to use the hatchet, witness, she said, the sleeping success of our Kansas sister, Corrie Nation. The lack of enterprise shown by biographers in allowing the period in which Washington's character was forming, to remain unknown, was deplored, but the logic of subsequent events plainly showed he became a wise woodman, capable of pruning, cultivating and separating the wheat from the tares. In closing she asked, is it not time to lay aside our own hatchets and let the Cubans and the Filipinos grow into their destinies by the natural process of evolution without forcing upon them a government and civilization they are not prepared to embrace.

Mrs. Nella M. Pickersill of Le-mont, and Edward Clisold of Chicago, were announced and sang a duet, "Sweet and

Low" and "The Veteran's Toast," and were compelled to respond to an encore.

Earl J. Herring gave a witty response to the toast "Girls." After announcing that the subject was assigned him without consulting his personal preferences, and that what he should say about the subject was not due to experimental knowledge, he proceeded to tell all he knew of "young unmarried women." Sisters and sweethearts were the types portrayed, and he cleverly pictured the trials and blessings of a man who possessed neither. The greatest need of the world today, he said, is girls; girls of principle and of interest, true, pure, lovable girls; girls the world will always need to cheer the hearts of mankind. They are the flowers of the world, which break the monotony of life and scatter beauty everywhere.

Following Mr. Herring, Miss Myrtle May Lowen of Evanston, gave a clever recitation of Virginia Woodward's, "Sweet Pea," and responded to an encore.

"Wheels" the subject of Mrs. O. M. Scharles response, was exceptionally well received, her bright sallies and witty stories eliciting much applause. The relations of wheels and their part in the make up of humanity was enlarged upon. All humanity are wheels and each has its part in the make up of the world. Some are the disagreeable little cog wheels—called kickers—but which are of use in keeping the machinery of life going. People with "wheels in their heads," she said, gave spice and zest to life, and break its monotony. Wheels are the only safe guard against an empty head. Drop an idea into an empty head and an explosion follows. The idea can't stand the effort to fill up the vacancy. But drop it into a head full of wheels and the machinery is set in motion, and a thought—something of real value—is produced. The greatest wheel of all, is the wheel of love. If we have this wheel in our heads, properly connected with our hearts we shall roll down the track of life side by side, and the world will be better for our having been in it with our wheels.

Interpreted with the toasts Edward Gibbons gave a burlesque solo, "Vive l'America," and Miss Mabel E. Messner sang a double number, "Fruiting-tide" and "Spring-song." Both recited heartily.

J. B. Hulling spoke on the toast "Wanted—Patriots for Today." He spoke without notes and introduced his remarks by a reference to the E. O. S. display in assigning him a subject without consulting his wishes. Patriots, he said, are not alone the product of times of war, but are with us today and all time. It is the love of country and should be ever present in our sentiments. He drew a comparison between our country and foreign lands, where women are treated as cattle, and lauded the institutions of this great republic. In the course of his remarks he took occasion to sound a warning against expansion. By choosing high ideals and striving to attain them, the love for good could not, he said, fail to beget a generation of good citizens. Do not, he said, fear to attach yourself to a good cause because of seeming temporary unpopularity. The right will eventually triumph and you will finally be recorded as patriots.

Rev. Truman R. Green, instigator of the annual banquets, formerly pastor of the church here, was next called upon to respond to "Washington—The Guardian of the Young Republic" and his address closed the program of toasts. Washington, he said, was primarily a consummate statesman. While others excelled him in one feature, either statesmanship, diplomacy or in generalship, yet he was the embodiment of all these virtues and collectively pre-eminent to all the great men of his time. His executive ability enabled him to seize the dominant features of an undertaking and to thoroughly master them. His greatness lay chiefly in his loyalty to righteousness which was the underlying sentiment that actuated him. In speaking of the Philippines and Cuba, Mr. Green put special emphasis on the fact that if Washington was now the executive he would not abandon them but would continue to hold them until a righteous government had been established. He closed with a eulogy of the great statesman which was loudly applauded.

In closing the orchestra struck up "America" which the audience joined in singing.

QUAKER SOCIAL.

These and the quaker friends are invited to attend a Quaker social at the home of friend Bush and his wife, on Friday night, second week, third month, 1901. Little Quaker in dainty costumes will sing to thee and otherwise entertain thee. They shall pay 15 cents at the door which sum will be considered small by thee for so great enjoyment. After an interesting program refreshments will be served without extra charge. Remember the date, Thursday evening, March 7th, 1901, at the home of Mrs. Guy L. Bush.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Sage cheese at Nash's. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. New York buckwheat flour. The same old kind at Nash's. Chas. Bowers of North Main St., who has been very sick is recovering. Miss Gertrude Frankel is ill with an attack of tonsillitis and the grip. Miss Florence Spohr was home over Washington's birthday and Sunday. Miss Cora Eicher visited her friends and relatives here the fore part of the week.

Rev. Edgar H. Libby is holding Sabbath afternoon preaching services at Clarendon Hills. The Ladies of the Baptist Aid society are planning for a Bazaar to be held the first week in April. We are pleased to note that J. D. Fowler and family will come back to Downers to reside in the spring.

Miss Laura Siles who has been in the Grove for some time started Monday for her home near Birmingham, N. Y. Lorenzo Stout is taking a course of treatment for the mastering of the intricate features of the tonorial business under El Frank. The Ladies' Library association will hold its monthly meeting with Mrs. John Stanley, Thursday afternoon, March 5, at 2:30 o'clock.

Deputy Sheriff DeWolf was summoning witnesses before the grand jury the fore part of this week. The grand jury meets next Monday. Mr. and Mrs. A. Batts spent a few days visiting friends at Downers Grove and Hinsdale, on Monday and Tuesday of this week.—Naperville Clarion.

St. Andrews church: There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion, on Sunday March 3 at 8 a. m. Evening prayer with sermon at 8:30 p. m. All are welcome. Sabbath services at the Congregational church, Morning—"The Elements of Time and Sacrifice in the Evolution of the Higher Life." Evening—"The New Things of the Kingdom."

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bunge has been dangerously ill with stomach trouble. Their nephew of Kansas, who with his mother, Mrs. Funk is visiting here is also ill with the same difficulty.

The Epworth League Literary social will occur Tuesday evening, March 5, at the home of Miss Helen Clifford. A literary and musical program has been arranged. All members and friends of the League are invited to be present. The music furnished by the Zenda orchestra at the banquet Friday night was of a splendid quality and was heartily enjoyed by the audience. We shall wake up by and by, to a realizing sense of how much we owe this very excellent organization.

Mrs. W. H. Radell returned Monday evening from Magnolia Spring, Ala., where she and Mrs. Wm. Elrube have been spending the past month. She reports having had a delightful time. Mrs. Straube will remain two weeks longer.

A party composed of Messrs. and Mesdames Levi Merritt and daughters, J. W. Worley, C. R. Caldwell and family, L. R. Puffer and family took a moonlight sleighride to Hinsdale Monday evening. Upon returning the party was served with refreshments at the hospitable Merritt home.

There are many conjectures in regard to the closing of Burlington Park in the coming season. The latest one advanced is that, considering wear and tear on rolling stock and other minor expenses, the project at present was not desirable. There are only two of the ten directors of the Q in favor of the park.

On Sunday morning at 10:45 special services will begin at the Methodist church. Evangelist J. A. Jamison of the Methodist church South has been secured to assist in this special campaign for righteousness in our community. He is a splendid preacher and a man of great sweetness of spirit—truly sent of God—as we believe, to do the work of an evangelist. Mr. Jamison will preach Sabbath morning, address a meeting for men only at 3:00 p. m., and preach again in the evening at 7:00 p. m. He will also preach every night next week, excepting possibly Saturday evening. The week night services will begin promptly at 7:30. The Christian people of our community, of other churches, are cordially and earnestly invited to co-operate on the week day nights. The public is most heartily invited. Let us all as earnest men and women stop and ask ourselves "If Christ has not some claim upon our lives?" Sincerely yours, HARRIET H. BOON.

Oil, Family Safety. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. Fancy California fruits at Nash's. Fred Jackson left Friday for Decatur. Get on Nash's exchange list and always wear new colors. Mr. and Mrs. Handy entertained friends from the city last week. Mrs. E. Smith and daughter Lula visited friends in Hinsdale last Friday. Genuine pure buckwheat flour both self rising and the old style at Gerwig's. Mrs. E. O. Stanley and daughter Mrs. Anderson, were in West Chicago, Tuesday.

Mrs. Werner has been a serious victim of LaGrippe but is gaining in health rapidly, now. R. D. Parker went to Aurora Saturday where he has a contract for painting and paper hanging. Edward Herzberg has moved into the Lindley residence which he has leased from C. S. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Puffer and family attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Alice Puffer, in Chicago, Sunday. Found—A key on Curtiss St. The owner can get the same by calling on me and paying for this notice. P. J. KEARNEY.

W. B. Towseley and family are comfortably settled in their new home on South Washington street and Mrs. L. E. Hall in the former Towseley residence on the north side. The Ladies' Missionary society of the Baptist church holds its Missionary Tea this afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. C. J. Pope. The Mite boxes will be opened at the meeting.

Peter Hansen formerly of Downers Grove, and Miss Lena Goodson of Maitland, Mo., were married in Chicago, Monday. They will make their home in Mismour, where they go this week. The Wednesday club gave a musical at the Downers Grove club rooms yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. C. White presided and gave a lecture on "National Day" with an exposition of the same on the piano.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—Singer Sewing machine, good as new; latest improvements—drop head; all new attachments warranted good as new and in first class condition. A bargain in every sense of the word. Inquire Reporter Office.

Mrs. Frank Lucy was nearly breathless with astonishment when she read in the paper last week that she entertained the friends of the sleighing party with the recitation of Patsy, so beautifully rendered by Mrs. A. J. Gray. The Ladies of the Baptist Aid society will hold a Captain Kidd social at the home of Mrs. A. G. Prince, Saratoga avenue, Thursday evening, March 7th. An enjoyable time is promised to all. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 cents.

The announcement of the marriage of Mr. Arthur L. Rose to Miss Lillian Johns of Chicago, will be of interest to his friends here. The wedding occurred Saturday evening at eight o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents in the city. They will reside in Chicago.

Darwin D. Kimball has been ill with a complication of ailments for the past month. He was first attacked with the grip which developed into catarrhal fever. Last week his condition was improved, but Sunday he had a relapse and his condition is considered dangerous.

Fred Heal, a well known engineer on the Downers Grove suburban run, is lying at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago with a broken hip, the effects of a fall he sustained at the Sixteenth street yards Saturday evening. While passing between two cars he slipped on an icy spot and fell with the result as stated. He will be laid up for about nine weeks.

The new Maple avenue school building was accepted by the board of Education at its meeting Thursday evening, and it is now occupied. The high school and eighth grade have been moved from the north side building and the scholars from the various branch schools now accommodated in the two buildings.

Those who had charge of the management of the Washington birthday banquet desire to most cordially thank all who in any way helped to make it the signal success it proved to be. While this annual public gathering has been under the special direction of the Methodist church, others not connected with the church, have cheerfully given of time, effort and money to make this occasion, as at other times, an inspiration and so a blessing to the whole community. We are sure that no one left the Auditorium Friday but was richer in true manhood and noble womanhood for having been there.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A List of Docket Entries Made at the Last Term.

In the matter of Francis Josephson—Decree of adoption. Estate of Emma L. Bates—Proof heirship; inventory approved. Estate of David J. Block—Final report approved; estate settled. Estate of J. G. Vallette—Claim of Mathias Schrammer disallowed. Estate of Marcellus F. Jones—Final report approved; estate settled. Estate of Adolpt Elbrecht—Letters to John Fisher; May term for claims. Estate of Samuel Hillman—Hearing of final account set for March 4th. Estate of Elizabeth—Rule on guardian to file new bond and account March 4. Estate of James H. Hill—Report of appraisors approved and order fixing tax. Estate of William Meyer—Proof heirship; final report approved; estate settled.

Estate of W. M. Wilson—Proof publication; claims allowed amounting to \$170.07. Estate of Henry Y. Vaughan—Proof heirship; final report approved; estate settled. Estate of Charlotte Hair—Proof heirship; hearing on probate of will set for March 4th.

In the matter of Anna Maria Boebel—Conservatorship—Summons ordered returnable March 4th. Estate of John Herman Paulmeyer—Inventory approved; leave given to settle claim against C. B. & Q. R. R. for \$125. Estate of J. G. Morton—W. A. Toppe, F. H. Kennison and W. H. Edwards appointed appraisors; April term for claims. Estate of Ruth M. Court—Court costs released and remitted; proof heirship; final accounts approved; estate settled.

In the matter of Delbert Austin Kennedy—Leave given guardian of estate to pay guardian of the person of the ward not to exceed \$400. Xavier Comte—Will admitted; letters to Clara Comte and V. A. Dieter; Jacob Heis, Joseph Bapat, and John Y. Sawyer, appraisors; April term for claims. Estate of George Rouse—Will admitted; letters to Vary E. Rouse and Joseph Rouse; John Kruger, V. Keller and Wm. Knack, appraisors; April term for claims.

Estate of Clara L. Manville—Will admitted; letters to Lucille Manville; April term for claims; Andrew Campbell, J. H. Creager and W. T. Reed, appraisors. Frank E. Ayres, successor in office to James M. Kee, county treasurer, vs. Chicago Title & Trust company, executors and trustees of the estate of Arthur C. and Alice Jane Ducat—Order of September 30, 1899, vacated and set aside and reappraisal referred to James T. Hoxford for deductions after which report is ordered.

TAX GATHERERS BUSY. Tax collectors in this vicinity have been quite busy every since receiving their books, and while there is considerable time between now and March 10, the time fixed by law for the collectors to return books, nevertheless all the time allotted will be needed, and it is possible an extension may be necessary.

To correct the false impressions that many persons seem to have that a township collector of taxes cannot enforce payment of tax on real estate but that the owner may let the same run until May 1, and pay the county treasurer, it may be well to cite the law in regard thereto. The Statutes provide that "personal property shall be liable for taxes levied on personal property. The tax on real property may be made out of personal property at any time after tax becomes due, by any collector having the tax books in his hands by distraint and sale."

The collector is sworn to use this method if voluntary payment is not made and anyone forcing the collector to do this has only himself to blame.

NEW MAIL ROUTE. The petition for the proposed rural delivery route covering the territory north of Hinsdale has been forwarded to the postoffice authorities at Washington with Congressional Hopken's endorsement. There are 125 signatures appended, and the territory embraces the stipulated 25 miles, beginning at the north limits of Hinsdale. Every house in Fullersburg may enjoy the privileges of the route. It will require several months before the petition is acted on, it taking its turn among the 20,000 now filed.

See the Curtis, the Graham, the Barr, and other monuments placed by T. Otto Fink, 29 Downer Place, Aurora.

AROUND THE COUNTY

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

Matters of Prominence Concerning Places and People in Du Page County and Surroundings. Caution for the nomination of township officers must be held within the next three weeks. The Circuit Court docket will contain about thirty law cases and some sixty chancery. There is a less number of cases than for many years. Dr. D. K. Parsons has just given \$50,000 to Illinois College at Jacksonville, provided the college can raise \$100,000 more for an endowment fund. Albert Savier, a farm hand working for Ben Bradford about one mile east of Batavia, blew the top of his head off with a shot gun about 5 o'clock last Wednesday morning. Two Chicago rabbit hunters trespassed on the property of John Schultz, a farmer residing near Naperville, last week and when ordered off the premises they assaulted Mr. Schultz. Arrests have followed and rabbit meat promises to be very high in price.

The commission appointed by Judge Batten to inquire into the sanity of Mrs. Caroline Helen Krohn, of Hinsdale, returned their finding Monday, and the following day Mrs. Krohn was taken to High for treatment. She is 59 years old and has two small children. The Kane county grand jury indicted as many of the principals and spectators, as names could be procured by the sheriff, who took part in the recent prize fight at Gilberts. As the fight is contrary to the law and in direct violation of the governor's command it will probably go back with them.

The hardware store of L. D. Roberts, of Wheaton, is in the hands of the sheriff. Five judgments from Chicago amounting to about \$800 was what made the store necessary. Andrew Christie is in charge and conducting the business until the matter can be adjusted. The liabilities are about \$2,000; assets about \$2,000.

Mr. Frank Springer died at his home in West Chicago, Friday evening, Feb. 15th, 1901, after a long illness, aged 79 years. Miss Sarah Alloway was born near Chester, York county, Pennsylvania, in 1822. When quite young she went with her parents to Dresden, Ohio, where in 1854 she was married to David Springer. Mr. and Mrs. Springer shortly after their marriage moved to Stephen county, Ill., where they resided until 1871, when they moved to West Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Norton of Le-mont celebrated their golden wedding Monday. Both the old people are notable pioneers of Illinois and honored residents of Le-mont. Sixty-nine years ago one summer day Mrs. Norton's mother sought her up in her arms and with the father fled to old Fort Dearborn. Black-Hawk was then in Illinois with his band and a number of settlers had been murdered by them. Mr. and Mrs. Norton were in the stocks at Fort Dearborn for five weeks. Fred L. Beck was brought to Wheaton from the Joliet penitentiary last week Monday on a habeas corpus proceedings, as stated last week. As it was impossible for the States Attorney of Kane county to be present the case was continued by Judge Brown to the first day of March. Beck was turned over to Sheriff Gorman and will remain in jail here until his case is disposed of. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of his wife, but attorneys claim there was a flaw in his commitment, hence the proceedings.

Edward L. Hunt and Catherine Hunt Monday celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in Batavia. Relatives and friends to the number of several scores gathered around them to aid them to enjoy the great day. Mr. Hunt was born in Princeton, N. J., July 22, 1817, and is therefore 83 years, 6 months old. Mrs. Hunt was born at Metuchen, N. J., Oct. 22, 1819, and is 81 years 4 months of age. They were married on Feb. 25, 1841, and in 1853 they moved west settling at Batavia, where they have resided ever since, with the exception of a few years spent in farming in Sangamon county, Ill., near what is now the city of Springfield.

Thursday morning the passenger train Paul limited on the Q, due in Chicago at 9:25, struck a broken frog at the Lincoln street crossing at Hinsdale and derailed the entire train. Fortunately the engineer had his train under full control and instantly applied the trusty air brake and the train was brought to a stop directly in front of the depot. Wrecking trains were at once on the way from both the Chicago and Aurora ends, and by noon the crew were on the track and all signs of a wreck removed. The passengers were transferred to the 9:30 train and arrived in Chicago last night, and all with good results. The Q engine for the passenger and commensurate with which the train was made.