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## FARMERS' INSTITUTE PROGRAM

### ANNUAL DUPAGE COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD IN WHEATON

**Sessions to be Held in the Court House Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 12th—Final Session to be Held Friday Afternoon, Feb. 14th.**

DuPage county has a reputation for holding the best and most successful county farmers' institutes in the state. These meetings are rapidly increasing in popularity and efficiency, in attendance and interest, and are of great benefit to the farmers.

They are no longer obliged to rely for agricultural knowledge upon the traditions handed down by their fathers to be slowly modified by their own personal experiences, but now the experience of thousands of farmers, of directors of agricultural experiment stations, etc are collected, explained and discussed at these farmers' institutes and reduced to an available form for practical use.

The future prosperity of DuPage county lies in the hands of the farmers. We have some of the ablest lawyers, doctors, teachers and professional men in the state. We do not need more, but we do need more liberally educated and scientific farmers, men who have been taught to think, study, experiment and investigate along agricultural lines. The secret of success in agriculture is education, but it must be a practical education, an education that shall instruct and interest, an education that shall fill the farmer with enthusiasm, that shall inspire him with an ambition to excel, that shall awaken within him a feeling of pride and respect for his calling and an appreciation of the advantages and opportunities of farm life, an education that shall make for us a better agriculture. Our best educators all agree that no other one influence is so powerful for improvement in agriculture as the farmers' institute, where new discoveries and experiments are discussed and applied to local conditions.

The farmers' institute will be held at the Court House, Wheaton, February 12, 13 and 14. Following is the program:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12TH—10:30 A. M.
Prayer ..... Dr. Carr
Minutes of last meeting ..... R. C. Menzie
Address of Welcome ..... Mayor Pierson

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:15 P. M.
Moisture supply of plants ..... Jas. Channon Chicago
Address ..... G. B. VanNorman, Chicago
Clover, from the farmers' standpoint ..... H. D Hughes, Antioch

THURSDAY, FEB. 13TH—9:30 A. M.
Music
Prayer ..... Rev. G. R. Wood
Cattle feeding ..... F. W. Belden, Kaneville
Recitation ..... Mrs Bartholomew
Diseases of the cow ... Dr Alexander, Evanston

AFTERNOON SESSION—1 P. M.
Music ..... McAuliff's Orchestra
The responsibility of the milk producer ..... J. H. Mourad, Winnetka
Recitation ..... Mrs. Bartholomew
Corn and its commercial values ..... E. S. Furman, ElPaso
Music ..... Orchestra
The new spirit in culture with agriculture ... President W. M Beardshear, Iowa Univ'ty

EVENING SESSION—7:00 P. M.
Music ..... McAuliffe's Orchestra
Stereopticon lecture Supt. O. T. Bright, Chicago
Music ..... Orchestra
Recitation ..... Mrs. Edith Bartlett, Chicago
Robert Burns ..... J E. White, Chicago
Music ..... Orchestra
Recitation ..... Mrs. Edith Bartlett, Chicago
Home and its making ... H. D. Hughes, Antioch

FRIDAY, FEB. 14TH—9:30 A. M.
Music ..... McAuliff's Orchestra
Prayer ..... Dr. Carrs
The advantage of farm life ..... E S. Furman
Why we need a special education for farmers and of what does it consist ..... Prof Eugene Davenport. Chicago
Music ..... Orchestra
Address ..... Mrs. Nellie Kedzie, Peoria

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:15 P. M.
Music ..... McAuliff's Orchestra
Sheep and their care ... H. D. Hughes, Antioch
Recitation ..... Mrs. Edith Bartlett, Chicago
Address ..... D. B Givler, Naperville
Address ..... N. D. Gilbert, DeKalb schools
Music ..... Orchestra
Election of Officers
Reports of Committees
Way should a farmer's boy go to college ..... President Blanchard Wheaton College
Recitation ..... Mrs. Edith Bartlett, Chicago

Following are the superintendents of articles exhibited at the institute: Schools, Miss Emma M Miller; pantry stores, Mrs. H. B Hills; agricultural products, H. D. Compton. The officers are C D Bartlett, president; Wm Hammerschmidt, M. B Lester, vice-presidents; R T Morgan, secretary; Jas. W. McKee, treasurer. The executive committee is composed of Geo A. Fischer, E. W. Way, John Schramer, F. W. Mack, Chas. Wimpress, Peter Boy, E J W. Dietz, Spencer Green, and C. Steck.

## WOODMEN HAVE BIG YEAR.

The year 1901 was a great year for the Modern Woodmen of America. The large increase in membership was gratifying; the average age of the membership remains low and death rate continues satisfactory. A good large step was taken toward readjustment of rates and no fraternal beneficiary society in the world entered upon the year 1902 with brighter prospects.

## DEATH OF CHARLES WHEELER.

### One of the Early Settlers of Downers Grove Township Passed Away Saturday.

Charles Wheeler one of the pioneers of Du Page county and a resident of Downers Grove township since 1844, died at the resident of his son, Orin Wheeler, south east of the village, Saturday Jan 25th. Death was due to acute Bright's disease together with the infirmities of old age. He had been ill for the past two months. The funeral was held at the Baptist church Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. C. J Pope assisted by Rev. H H Reed. Burial was made in the West cemetery.

Charles Wheeler was the second son of Merritt and Rhoda Wheeler and was born in New York, January 20th., 1829. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1844 and has since been a resident of Downers Grove township. In 1860 he was married to Miss Nancy McMillan, who died several years ago. Several brothers and sisters of whom Allen Wheeler is one, together with one son Orin Wheeler, and two daughters, Mrs Olive Cooper and Mrs Ida J Cooper survive him.

## MODERN WOODMEN'S BENEFIT DANCE.

Two hundred dollars will be the net result of the benefit ball given by Maple Camp Modern Woodmen of America at the Auditorium last Friday evening. Woodmen from Hinsdale, Naperville and the various neighboring camps accompanied by their ladies were prominent among the local members of the organization. In fact it was by far the largest social event of the season and demonstrated the fraternal spirit of the society in assisting one of its members in distress.

Each member made a special effort in the sale of tickets and as a result almost $200 was raised for the benefit of George Rayner, who was injured some months ago.

The grand march occurred at nine o'clock and was led by Mr. and Mrs John Woelfersheim. Fully seventy-five couples participated in the march and from that hour until the electric lights went out at 1:30 a m dance followed dance in rapid succession. Music was furnished by Brark's orchestra of Naperville. Dick Oulthwaite, John Woelfersheim and W E. Farrar composed the floor committee.

## TWO PEDDLERS HELD UP AT BRUSH HILL.

Late last Tuesday afternoon two itinerant merchants with a horse and wagon loaded with bright tinware to exchange for rags, bottles, etc, were slowly driving along the Brush Hill road. When in a lonely spot in the woods three men with handkerchiefs over their face sprang from the ditch, grabbed the horse's head and with drawn revolvers ordered the men from the wagon. The peddlers saw at once resistance was useless, and with hands over their heads they offered themselves to the hold-up men. The hold-up men at once proceeded to search their victims, whom they supposed had a goodly amount of money on their persons. After finding some silver coins on the persons of their victims, a farmer's wagon was seen approaching near by, and fearing possible capture, they darted through the the wood of River Bluff addition and soon disappeared in the darkness. It was extremely fortunate that assistance arrived when it did, as one of the peddlers had $300 secreted on his person, and as it was only $3 was taken.—Beacon

## HOPKINS THEATER FOR NEXT WEEK.

The Hopkins' theatre stock company has another excellent melodrama to offer its patrons the week beginning Sunday, Feb 2. The play is by Sutton Vane, and is entitled "In Sight of St. Paul". Aside from being replete with strong and stirring situations it introduces some interesting scenes from London life. It will again afford Selma Herman, Richard Buler, Lillian Kemble, Ethel Hopkins, William J. Jossey, Arthur Mackley, Robert Wayne and the other members of the excellent stock company opportunities to demonstrate their dramatic abilities. The vaudeville bill will be specially strong, headed by that best of all Hebrew impersonators, Jess Dandy. Mr. Dandy portrays the Jew of the shop keeping class and his stories and parodies on popular songs are famous throughout the country. Mr. and Mrs. Swickard and Tom Mack are also on the bill.

## LEAGUE TO CONDUCT SERVICES.

The Rev. A D. Traveller D. D. of Chicago will speak at the M. E. Church Sunday evening at 7:30. This service is under the auspices of the Epworth League and all young people not worshiping elsewhere are cordially invited. The recently elected officers of the Epworth League will be installed by the pastor during the services.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

Bargains at the Fair.

White Rose gasoline. Nash's.

National Light oil at Nash's.

Additional local news on fifth page.

Harry Blodgett was a visitor in Sandwich over Sunday.

The "Reciprocity Boys" give a dance at Carpenters hall Saturday.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chaplain is rather seriously ill.

Miss Kittie Wermuth and Edith Graham are victims of La Grippe.

Fred Schindler has been very low with heart trouble for several weeks.

W. C Bartle returned Wednesday from a visit with his brother at St. Louis.

Miss Bernice Bennett has returned home from her visit with friends at Lake View.

Miss Mary L Fox of Indianoplis, Ind., is visiting at the home of her uncle, W. H. Edwards.

M K. Bush and W. R Wells have been helping C. F. Davis on his tax collection books.

Professor Sandberg from the Chicago Hospital is still attending Edward Hansen every week.

At a recent meeting of the members of the Congregational church A. M. Compton was elected as trustee.

Mrs. Flora S. Holp arrived from Minneapolis Monday for an extended visit with her brother Hugh M. White.

Chas. Lacy gave us a pleasant call Wednesday. He reports excellent roads and a pleasant winter in the country.

Mrs Thos Wells who lives on the plank road north of town, is suffering with a broken limb caused by a fall last Saturday.

Sabbath services at the Congregational church. Morning—"The Voice of the Over-World." Evening—"The Changed Life".

S. F. Haller made a trip to South Dakota on a land deal last week. He was very favorably impressed with that section of the northwest.

Mrs. A. J. Gear returned Friday from an extended visit with her parents at Marengo, Iowa. Her sister, Miss Blanche Sayers accompanied her home for a visit.

Services at St. Andrews Episcopal church on Sunday, Feb 2nd as follows: Holy communion at eight a. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p m; evening prayer at 3:30 p. m. Seats free and all are welcome.

Holes in sidewalk damage suits are troubling some of the cities in this part of the state. These are annoyances that are farther removed from Downers Grove with every foot of cement sidewalk laid.

Mrs T S Rogers is much improved in health and will leave next week for Auburn, California, to spend the remainder of the winter. Mrs. Helen Burwiss will accompany her. Captain Rogers will join his wife when she returns home.

Next week Thursday evening Feb 6 will again be the regular meeting of the Economic League at the Congregational church. "The school as a social institution" will be the subject led by Prof Searles also discussion by Prof. Nourse and D. G. Graham.

The third entertainment of the lecture course was given at the Auditorium Saturday evening. A. E Wiggam, the talented Indiana lecturer gave his celebrated lecture "Dollars and Sense". The audience was a large one and the lecture was thoroughly enjoyed.

The following are the Grand Jurors for the March term of the circuit court: Addison, E W. Fischer, G. E. Franzen; Bloomingdale, J. Rathbun, August Geisterfeldt; Wayne, E. W. Plane; Winfield, A. Martin; C. H. Hoy, Wm. Higgins; Milton, J O. Hoffman, F. Hugemar, T. Mitchell; York, T. Kolzen, J. Kiler, Herman Meck; Downers Grove, R. Littleford, E. Buchty, W. B. Carlton, L. P. Naramore; Lisle, Michael Diehl, R. J. Stick; Naperville, W. E. Jones, Wm. Crampton, J. Bapst.

A great deal of interest has been aroused, particularly in the railroad and express circles, over a report which has been quite widely circulated that the Adams Express Co., which has had a franchise on the Burlington road since 1893, is soon to be displaced by J. J. Hill's own company, the Great Northern. The situation is rendered interesting through the fact that the Adams Co. officials state that they have no knowledge of any such change being contemplated while the express and railroad employes running on the road state that they are constantly coming into contact with various things which seem to confirm the change that is rumored.

Oil. Family Safety.

Haller keeps Lipton's teas.

Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes.

A pail of peanuts for 5c at Rung's.

Senator Evans of Aurora has been very sick but is recovering.

Lost—Bull terrier pup; female; suitable reward. G. H. Whitney.

Mrs. Albert H. Wetten was a guest at the Wetten home Thursday.

L. C. Farrar was home several days last week on account of sickness.

Mark Hunt's little daughter has been afflicted with an attack of the measels.

W. J Beidelman is painting, papering and decorating the Grand Army hall.

Geo E Sadler of Peoria, was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Davis last Thursday.

Miss Edith Earnest left Wednesday for a weeks visit with relations at West Chicago.

A E Courtright expects to open his furniture store in the Atzel building in about ten days.

A brother of Harvey E. Perrine had an arm cut off in the Hawthorne yards Monday while switching cars.

Wm Squires expects to move to Kankakee soon where he will be identified with the Lord Lumber Co.

Misses Lillie and Hattie Kluge from Chicago visited Saturday till Monday with their aunt Mrs C H. Staats.

Lecture at the Economic League meeting this Thursday evening at the Congregational church. Everybody invited.

Quite a large number of Downers Grove people attended the Trainmen's dance at the Illinois hall in Chicago last Thursday evening.

Please remember the date, February 13th. of the Valentine social, and lunch in the Congregational church base ment, given by the Ladies Aid Society.

Collector Davis is busily engaged in preparing an index for his tax books. As soon as this is completed he will be ready to receive the money of taxpayers.

Michael Venard and sister Miss Kate Venard and cousin, Patrick Fitzgerald left last week for a visit with their uncle at Sycamore and other relatives at DeKalb and Hinkley Ill.

The Ladies of Library Association, will serve a Souvenir Tea, in the Library room, on the afternoon, and evening of Saturday, February 8th. 1902. All come and help the ladies in a good cause.

Goodman and Bowers Comedy Comedy Company will give an entertainment at the Auditorium Saturday evening. The troupe is a colored one and the show will consist of songs, dances, and a genuine cake walk.

The Fire Department has all arrangements completed for its third annual mesquerade ball to be given at the Auditorium next Thursday evening. Costumes will be for rent at the hall during the afternoon after 3 o'clock.

The Prohibition Alliance held a very successful meeting at Carpenter's hall Tuesday evening. There was a good audience and the address of Chas. S Dana was strong and helpful. Little Hazel Easton also recited much to the delight of the audience.

Wm. J. Beidelman handles the leading line of wall papers in America. Newest designs; latest colorings and lowest prices. Will call at your house with samples of wall papers and picture mouldings. Please leave orders with M. E. Stanger at the post office.

Moy Sing and Wun Lung the local Chinese laundrymen, will have to patronize a photograph gallery when the new Chinese exclusion law is passed, which will possibly be within a few days. The measure makes provision for the registration of all Chinese now in the United States, to be completed within six months after the passage of the act. All registered Chinese shall have certificates with photographs attached and those without certificates at the end of six months shall be deported.

When a carrier on a rural free delivery route finds a farmer's delivery box stuffed full of circulars and advertising matter, put there by traveling agents, he has the United States behind him in throwing out the stuff. The government frankly admits its inability to cope with the advertising agents and prevent them putting their stuff in the boxes or cover up the mail. Numerous firms seek to arrange with the carriers to deliver advertising matter. This is prohibited and the advertisers must pay the regular rate of postage and address each parcel to the farmer. If it is to be handled by the carrier.

## DUPAGE COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

### Docket Entries Ordered by Judge Batten at the January Term of the County Court.

W. J Wilson, estate—Report approved.

Carl Mueller, estate—Proof publication.

Ariel C Lovenes, estate—Proof heirship.

Ezra Jones, estate—Proof publication.

Maria Knippen, estate—Proof publication.

August Lehman, estate—Proof publication.

James C. Hatch, estate—Inventory approved.

Anna M. Armburst, estate—Proof publication.

Winslow Ackerman, estate—Will proved.

Elbert S. Lake, estate—Claims allowed $566.94.

Margaret M. Burke, estate—Inventory agd appoved.

Charles A. Phillips, estate—Claims allowed to $72 70

Julia A Royce, et al, minors—Letters to Celia N. Royce.

J C. Jacobson vs. Peter Hay, assumpsit Dismissed.

John H Burke, estate—Inventory and appraisement approved.

People vs. Antone Broner, violating liquor law. Continued.

The people vs Fritz Schulte, violating liquor law. Continued.

George E. Royce estate—Report of surviving partner approved.

Richard S. and George S. Burke, minors—Inventory approved.

Mary Fennimore Arkerman, estate—Claims allowed to $30.00.

George Walff, estate—Letters to Aloyo Walff; Inventory approved.

E P. Muller vs, Wm. Cherich and H Overkamp, trespass. Dismissed.

Francis E. Watson, minor—Report approved and guardian discharged.

John H. Baker et al, minors—Letters of guardianship to C A. Franzen.

L. P. Cumover, estate—Hearing on petition to sell real estate continued.

Lydie Birkness et al, minors—Letters of guardianship to Louisa Birkness.

Charlott Franzen, distracted—Letters of conservatorship to F. J. T. Fischer.

Henkiah Holt, estate—Appraisement approved; claims allowed to $9:5 00.

Frankie Mary Buckle et al, minors—Report of sale of real estate approved.

Martha J. Jayne, estate—Hearing on petition of will out for Pathiographia.

Ann Newbark, estate—Inventory and appraisement approved; estate settled.

Michael Kurtz, estate—Hearing on final report continued: inventory approved.

Anna Fortman, estate—Will proved; letters to S. L. Rathje; April term claims.

Maria Kroening, estate—Will proved letters to William Kroening; April term claims.

William K. Patrick, estate—Final account approved; estate declared fully settled.

Adele Hohman, distracted—Conservator allowed $35.00 for his services; report approved.

Theodore Surgen, estate—Will proved, letters to Nicholas Surgen; April term for claims.

Wm. Alford vs. Wm. S. Waples et. al, trespass. Jury trial, verdict for plaintiff for $60 00

The People vs Denis Shehan, Jr. assault with deadly weapon. Continued by agreement.

John H. Bicker, estate—Leave given administrator to sell stock in Bloomingdale creamery.

Indiana Pulp and paper Co. vs. W. Towne Claflin, assumpsit. Default judgement for $442 90.

Jules Giese, estate—Frank Knight, Lewis Ellsworth and George Thoma appraisers; appraisement approved.

Emeline Brosman, minor—Guardian's report approved; guardian allowed $6 00 per week for support of ward.

Charles Shomer estate—Appraisement approved; widow's relinquishment and selection approved; claims allowed $340. 9 1.

Pettronila Durham vs. Wilson H. Stubbings, forcible entry and detainer. Dismissed at plaintiff's motion and at her costs.

G. M. H. Wagon, estate—Inventory approved; leave given to withdraw building and loan association stock; proof publication.

Charlotte Frenzen, distracted—Ordered that conservator be made a party complaint in suit now pending in Cook county Circuit court.

Herman Hartke, estate—Letters dedimus to any notary in Iroquois county to take testimony of Henry Hartke subscribing witness to will.

Delbert A. Kennedy, minor—Leave given guardian to expend $178.00 on well and pump on farm of ward and to pay $2 50 per week for his support.

The people vs. Arthur Romain, bastardy. Defendant pleads guilty. Fined $75 for the first year and $50 00 per year for the next nine years. In failure to give bond for said payment to be committed to the County jail until released by due process of law.

## COUNTY NEWS HAPPENINGS.

### DEATH OF SUSAN M. HAWBECKER, STECK—HINSDALE SPLIT ON GAS QUESTION.

**Kane County Dairymen Up in Arms Against the Chicago Dealers—Downers Grove Lands in Taxes—News from Exchanges.**

Susan M. Hawbecker was born near Upton, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, Nov. 23rd; 1817, died at her home near Big Woods DuPage county, Ill., Jan. 20, 1902, aged eighty-four years, two months and twenty-three days. On Oct. 14th, 1838, she was united in marriage to Jacob Steck, a union which continued through a period of fifty-four years. In 1843 they moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois and settled upon the farm which was her home at the time of her death.

Proceedings were commenced in the DuPage County court last week against Antone Broner Fritz Schulte, proprietors of the Wheaton hotels, charging them with illicit liquor selling. The complaint was signed by E. W. Fischer, E. Loveless, D. A. Straw, W. O. Pratt, Geo. Brewster, George Smith and James Baker who appeared in behalf of the people of the State of Illinois, setting forth that on the 6th, 7th, and 10 days of December, '01, Messrs. Schulte and Broner did unlawfully sell intoxicating liquors.

Because Chicago milk market prices are on the decline, Kane county farmers are making an organized effort to secure the discontinuance of the supply from a county which has for years poured into the Chicago markets on dozens of milk trains every morning in the week. As a counter proposition they are establishing butter routes in Elgin and adjacent cities, transforming the erstwhile Chicago milk supply into country butter and vending it to the consumer.

Gustave Ernsting, of Bensenville, while working in the foundry at Franklin Park accidently got his glove caught in some machinery which pulled his arm in among the cog wheels and he would probably have been killed if some of the other workmen had not stopped the machine, as he was unable to help himself. He had been drawn in as far as his shoulder and his arm broken. He will probably be laid up a long time.

Following is the tax of the various townships as shown by the collector's books: Addison, $19,197 61; Bloomingdale, $ 6,836 79; Wayne, $9 780 91; Winfield, $22,187 38; Milton, $42,493.51; York, $[illegible] 461 36; Downers Grove, $71,[illegible] 30; Lisle, $22,111.42; Naperville, $22,716.40. Total taxes, $269,908.07. Telephone taxes, $652 54. Total railroad tax in county, $39, 644.74.

Hinsdale is split in twain, it is said over the gas question. The Lombard Gas Co. is making strenuous efforts to extend its mains to Hinsdale and receive a franchise from that village. The board of trustees do not favor it, although a large number of property owners want the gas. The question will no doubt dominate village politics at the spring election.

Last Thursday saw the finish of the County court January law term so far as active business is concerned. The jury was discharged for the term adjourned to the first Monday in March. Six more were continued to the June law term and the balance were either settled or stricken from the docket. Judge Batten kept things humming while court lasted.

During the year just closed there were laid in Aurora about fourteen miles of permanent walk, eleven of which were of cement. In three years forty-five miles of permanent walk has been laid in that city. The greater part of this is handsome cement walk. There must be close upon one hundred miles of permanent walks in the city.

On Monday County Clerk Lawrence notified the Township Collectors that the tax books were ready for delivery upon their filing respective bonds. The force clerks of that office have burned the midnight oil to get the books ready, and have scored a victory over other counties in being the first to deliver tax books.

It is reported that parties are talking of opening the old Eclo bicycle factory and will manufacture a liniment for which they expect to find a ready sale. In case this business is started it will give employment to a number of people and they hope to fill up some vacant houses in that town.

During the past two weeks there have been three deaths at the county farm. All of the deceased were women and two of them very old. They were Emma Reed of Bloomingdale, Harriett Tyley of Milton and Amelia Keeler of Naperville. The latter was 81 years of age.

Over $285,000 have been paid for grain and stock at Millington during the past year. Millington ships more grain and stock than is shipped from any other point on the Fox river branch.

The finance committee of the county expenditures and the county board met up the house of the county board.