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SPEAKERS EXTOL WASHINGTON

HUNDREDS ATTEND METHODIST BANQUET LAST FRIDAY EVENING.

Fourth Annual Patriotic Banquet Under the Direction of the Church Pays Honor to the Memory of Washington.

Patriotism was the dominant theme of the various toasts responded to at the Fourth Annual Washington Banquet, Friday evening. The Auditorium was packed with humanity at the appointed hour, when occurred the function annually directed by the first Methodist Episcopal church. The music, addresses and recitations all breathed the spirit of independence and love of country and taught lessons of patriotism of the nature that inspired the declaration of independence. Hundreds of guests filled the large hall at 7:30 o'clock when seats were taken for the banquet. Five long tables besides the speakers table, which occupied the head of the hall, accommodated the guests and every seat was filled at the beginning of the banquet. The decorations were in patriotic colors and each table had as a centerpiece a bouquet of pink and white carnations. On the stage a picture of Washington was draped with bunting. Palms and ferns formed features of the decorative scheme.

The banquet opened with an overture by the Schubert Orchestral Club. Following this the entire audience joined in singing the grand old hymn "Coronation," led by the orchestra, which furnished music during supper. Rev. Truman K. Green gave a brief invocation and the guests proceeded with the enjoyment of the varied menu provided. Beside each plate as a souvenir of the occasion, was placed a program embodying the menu and arrangement of toasts, printed in patriotic colors. On the front page appeared a picture of George Washington, inside was an American flag and the last page contained a picture of the church with a quotation from the General's farewell address.

Rev. Herbert H. Rood, pastor of the church presided as toast master, and in a brief speech welcomed the guests. In his opening remarks he said he had been warned by the ladies to make his words brief and he closely adhered to this admonition throughout the evening in introducing the speakers on the somewhat lengthy program. His remarks, however, were pertinent and varied with a number of anecdotes.

The program of toasts opened with a prayer by Rev. Edgar H. Libby, which was followed by a male quartette—Messrs. A. C. Wisegarver, Geo. Cross, C. K. Roe and L. R. Puffer—in "The Stars and Stripes."

Lucius W. Winchester responded to the first toast "The Duties of American Citizenship." The primary duty of the American citizen, he said after a few introductory remarks, was to attend the primary elections of his party and see that good and clean men were chosen as nominees, who, when elected, would enact just laws; then have them rigidly and impartially enforced. He touched on the government of the Philippines, and though opposed personally to the retention of the islands, stated that if it was the purpose of the United States to establish a free government there, it should prosecute the present war relentlessly and either conquer or kill every Filipino who opposed its institution. He cited Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln as types of the ideal American citizen and closed with a patriotic eulogy to the American flag as a typical emblem of a liberty loving people.

Little Miss Hazel Easton, gave a clever recitation entitled "The Water Mill." This was followed by Prof. O. M. Seales in a response to the toast "Big Dwarfs and Little Giants." He opened with the folk-lore tale of these mythical people of the "upward" and "downward" look, and following told of their prototypes in the everyday world. Humanity he said, was divided into these two classes. The "little giants"—those who by ostentation seek to impress the world with their greatness, but who are in reality narrow-minded creatures of meager ability; and the "big dwarfs"—those of a nature less given to display and egotism, but who are nevertheless, strong in character and intellect and capable of great undertakings. Patriotic lessons were drawn from a comparison of these two classes, and he closed in showing that the greatest men of all times come from the "big dwarfs."

Mrs. Lilla E. Prince spoke on the subject of "Patriotic Womanhood." The love of country she said was fully as strong in woman as in her stronger brother, and many instances of woman's devotion to her patriotic principles, were cited to prove the assertion. She spoke at length on the patriotic attributes of womanhood.

Norman K. Olmstead gave a baritone solo, "An Irish Love Song," which

was well received. Wm. Lawson gave a reading, "The American Flag." Following this an original poem by Mrs. Margaret E. DeGroot, "Our Country and the Father of Our Country" was read by Miss Susie Edwards. Miss Mabel E. Messner gave a double vocal solo, "The Mountain Hath a Flower," and "I I were a Bird."

Dr. Fred H. Sheets, presiding elder of the Chicago western district of the Methodist church, gave the closing toast of the evening. His subject was "Washington." The Washington, he said of his more mature years was not the mythical personage of his boyhood whom he had worshipped as a being higher and nobler than his fellow men. Washington was, he claimed, a very common personage; a man addicted to certain excesses, passionate and frail as the common run of humanity. But he had certain attributes which marked him as a character worthy of the highest honor. The General's moral judgment and reason, and indomitable will were extolled. His remarkable courage in the face of danger, and the courage of a moral nature, which permitted him to turn from temptations which beset him, were eulogized at length, and in closing he proposed a toast to "Washington, the people's hero; the greatest hero who ever lived."

This closed the speeches and the audience joined in singing "America," led by the orchestra. The affair was brought to a close by a benediction pronounced by Rev. C. J. Pope.

THEY HAD A SLEIGH RIDE ON WHEELS.

Class of T. S. Watson in the Baptist Sunday School Entertained Saturday.

Saturday evening, beautiful as it was, seemed at first to have in it naught but disappointment for at least one class of boys in the Baptist Sunday school. Mr. T. S. Watson is their teacher, and some two weeks ago, he promised the class a sleigh ride on Washington's Birthday. It was with some misgivings that during the preceding week the lads detected the bare ground peeping up through the snow; and the results of the warm weather Friday and Saturday would have led people a little older grown to give up its despair. Not so with these boys and their resourceful teacher, however. C. K. Roe was called upon to produce a vehicle on wheels, and the program was carried out regardless of the conditions under foot. The evening was delightful and the ride most enjoyable—and noisy.

There seemed to be a tendency to move northward and soon a direct course was taken for the plank road and Mr. Watson's home. Here new surprises awaited the lads. The rooms were decorated on every hand with reminders of the "Father of our Country," and the contests and games, and the charming luncheon that followed, all tended to stir up within each guest all the patriotism of which a lusty American boy is capable. Mrs. Watson needed no higher compliment as to the merit of her production than the manner in which the delicious viands disappeared.

At eleven o'clock preparations were made for the homeward trip; but before leaving, a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Watson for the splendid entertainment furnished. Mr. Watson, in response, urged loyalty to the Sunday school as the best means for showing any gratitude that they might feel, and nearly a score of voices were immediately raised in the loyal class yell: "Ho Ho Ho! Who are we? We are the boys in class 5; see? Yes Yes Yes! You just guess! The finest class in the B. S. S."

MARO, THE PRINCE OF MAGIC.

Maro, the Magician, will give the concluding number of the entertainment course at the Auditorium Saturday evening, March 1st. The date having been changed from March 8th. Maro's magic is refined, original and strictly modern. He relies less than any other wizard on complicated mechanical illusions, presenting a programme in which dexterity is the feature that particularly appeals to his audience. His sleight of hand experiments are presented with an elegance that is captivating. But Maro is more than a magician, he is a musician, a veritable virtuoso on innumerable instruments so that he is able to introduce in his entertainment a musical programme of delightful variety, appealing to every one who loves the magical influence of harmony.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given of the tenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Downers Grove, Ill., to be held Saturday, March 8, 1902, in the director's room of said bank at 2 o'clock p. m., to hear reports of its officers, election of directors and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. W. H. Edwards, Sec'y.

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.

Mrs. Nellie Davenport left Tuesday for Davenport, Iowa.

Miss Pearl Bonesteel spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Plain sewing and children's dresses; address box 338, Downers Grove.

Orders taken for plain sewing; also children's dresses made. Address lock box 338.

A. W. Foster left Tuesday for Waterloo, Iowa, where he will remain permanently.

Frank Kinney and Manly Baird left Sunday evening for a business trip through South Dakota.

Simeon Brown, who has been making his home with his son, J. W. Brown, left Tuesday for Montreal, Mo.

The Iriquois Glee and Mandolin Club of Chicago, was entertained at dinner last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. T. L. Kinney.

Mrs. Ella F. Detter and Miss Laura McCaw, who have been here for several weeks canvassing for a bible reference work, left yesterday for Dixon.

A telegram from W. J. Herring says that the operation on his son Earl was performed Tuesday and that he was resting comfortably. The foot was saved.

A meeting of the DuPage county republican central committee has been called for Friday, Feb. 28th, at one o'clock p. m., at the Grand Pacific hotel to arrange dates for holding the county conventions.

A number of the friends of Miss Alice Dent surprised her Tuesday evening on the anniversary of her birthday at her home on Fairmount avenue. The evening was spent with games and music and refreshments were served.

The center of Franklin street near the Episcopal church is being used as a dumping ground for all kinds of refuse and rubbish. Tin cans, broken rags and papers have been carelessly dumped in a chock hole.

Joseph Mackinaw, Sr., died at his residence on South Main street yesterday morning at 10 o'clock a. m., of cancer of the stomach, after an extended illness. The funeral will be held Friday and burial will be made in Naperville.

The Chicago Telephone Company has issued a new directory of its local exchange here, which gives the names of all subscribers in Downers Grove. The company now has nearly a hundred phones in service here, with more to follow.

While Mr. Jesse Wells was in the city Tuesday afternoon a team knocked him down and bruised his right arm. Dr. Lawton, of Hinsdale, was sent for and says although a very bad bruise no bones were broken. Mr. Wells has had the sole care of his invalid wife, and now, himself injured, makes it very hard for both.

The Annual Missionary Tea and Thank offering of the Women's Mission Circle of the Baptist church will be held this (Thursday) afternoon, Feb. 27th, at the home of Mrs. W. S. Carpenter. Miss Kuhlén, a returned Missionary from India, will be present and speak. The mite boxes will be opened and refreshments served. All ladies are invited.

The local camp of the Modern Woodmen gave an entertainment to its members and their lady friends Monday evening in Carpenter's hall. The program comprised speaking and music, both vocal and instrumental, and a mandolin orchestra from Chicago furnished music for dancing after the program. During the evening refreshments were served.

By mutual conference of the pastors of Downers Grove a week of meetings has been arranged, beginning Saturday evening, March 15th, and closing Friday evening, March 21st. The purpose of the meetings will be the ceasing of spiritual life in our churches and community and they will be under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Fissel, of Chicago. It is especially desired that this week should be kept open as far as possible for these meetings.

Wm. Shannabrook has several stitches closing a deep gash in his head, the result of a tree trimming experience of a few days ago. He mounted a ladder placed against a tree to saw off the dead top. To make a good job of it he sawed around on all sides to prevent its splintering. Unaware that he had nearly sawed through the trunk he pulled the top towards him, when it broke off and fell, the butt striking him on the forehead cutting a gash an inch long clear to the skull and knocking him from the ladder, fortunately without further injury. Dr. W. W. Gourley closed the wound with four stitches.

Oil. Family Safety. Haller keeps Lipton's teas. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. F. D. Ehler moved to LaGrange Tuesday.

Three cords four-foot wood for sale; enquire of B. M. Muzzey.

Louis Beidelman arrived home from Fredonia, Kansas this week.

R. D. Parker is decorating the rooms on the upper floor of the bank building.

Miss Charlotte Winters, of Chicago, was the guest of Miss Gertrude Frankel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miles, of Chicago, spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. A. M. Compton.

Miss Delta Thompson, of Mayfair, was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Birdie Rose, the past week.

Rev. and Mrs. Truman R. Green were here visiting old friends Friday and attending the patriotic banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson who have been residents of Downers Grove for the past year moved to Berwyn Tuesday.

Sabbath services at Congregational church. Morning, "Fullness of Life"; reception of members. Evening, "Godliness is Profitable."

Mr. and Mrs. John Woelfersheim will entertain a number of the members of the Fire Department with their wives at their home next Saturday evening.

Weather prophets are promising severe weather for late in February and early in March. Even should it materialize the winter will have been an unusually mild one.

The date of the last entertainment course series has been changed from March 8th to 1st. Remember Saturday evening of this week at 8 p. m. at the Auditorium. Maço, the prestidigitateur.

R. D. Parker has the exclusive agency for Birge & Sons artistic wall papers; sold through dealers only and not from samples. The latest and handomest designs in all the latest shades and colorings.

The Grand Army boys' lodge hall is now strictly up-to-date in its appointments. The rooms have been newly papered and decorated and electric lights have been installed so that now the veterans have the cosiest quarters in the village.

St. Andrew's church, service Thursday 7:30 p. m., evening prayer with lectures by the priest in charge. Members of the mission are earnestly requested to attend. Seats free. All are welcome. Services on Sunday, March 2nd, holy communion, 8 a. m., Sunday school, 2:30 p. m., evening prayer with sermon, 8:30 p. m.

Frank J. Knight, of Wheaton, candidate for the republican nomination for county treasurer was here Saturday afternoon, calling upon his friends. He was accompanied by ex-treasurer Jas. W. McKee, of Eola. Mr. Knight is making a systematic canvass of the county and finds everywhere that his candidacy is received favorably.

Johr Kessell had a painful accident Friday which will confine him to the house for some time. While in the loft of his barn pushing hay down to his horses he fell through a hole in the flooring and broke his ankle. The injury was a severe one, the fracture being what is termed compound, the foot being twisted in such a manner that the bones almost protruded through the flesh. Dr. W. W. Gourley reduced the fracture.

The concert given at the Baptist church Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Ladies' Library association was well attended and the various features of the program pleasing to the audience. Among the especially clever features were the piano solos of Miss Beva Pomeroy, the vocal solos of Miss Daisy Ludwig and Miss Mabelle Thompson. Master Harold Wells, the boy soloist, and Miss Edna Hargrave captivated the audience. Budd Kellogg was splendid in two clever readings, and Jas. I. Rounds violin solos were as usual well received.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sharp had the pleasure of entertaining P. S. VanRensselaer over Sunday. Mr. VanRensselaer is nearly 77 years of age and is quite spry for one so old. He comes from Mr. Sharp's old home, LaCarné, Ohio. He sailed on the lakes in the forties and related how he used to when captain of a boat, enter Chicago harbor by throwing out the anchor and then pulling hand over hand up to it. He was associated with Capt. Napier after whom Naperville was named and said they passed through Chicago and Downers Grove when there were only a few houses in either place.

DEATH OF FREDERICK C. SCHINDLER.

Aged Resident of Downers Grove Succumbs to Heart Disease Friday Morning.

Frederick C. Schindler, for thirty years a resident of Downers Grove, died at his home on Maple avenue early Friday morning, Feb. 21st. Death was due to heart disease, with attendant complications, from which he had been a sufferer for many years.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Herbert H. Rood under the direction of the Grand Army and the Odd Fellows lodge of which deceased was a member. Burial was made in the West cemetery.

Frederick C. Schindler was a native of Germany, having been born in Klausdahl, Hanover, March 5th, 1833. He came to America in the year 1853, and when the first call for volunteers was issued he enlisted with the union forces and served throughout the war. Mr. Schindler came to Downers Grove in the early Seventies and has since made this place his home. He was married to the surviving widow thirty-five years ago. Besides the widow he had one son, George Schindler of Springfield, who was here to attend the funeral. He was a member of the German Lutheran church.

NUISANCES IN THE CITY.

Closely akin to the improvement of the streets is the abatement of certain nuisances which are the natural outgrowth of lusty and unrestricted urban life. While large constructive schemes can only be carried out in the course of many years, a vast improvement in urban conditions can be achieved simply by restrictive measures. First of all naturally comes the question of smoke. The problem is rather new for some cities, because it is only of late years that bituminous coal has been used to an objectionable extent. Ten years ago a fall of snow would lie fresh and unsoiled for weeks. Now it becomes dingy almost immediately, a simple test of the change.

There has been a commendable public concern in the matter, and the whole question has been thoroughly debated, but the subject must not be allowed to drop. The insidious advances of the soft coal nuisance must be met as far as possible, with the hope that mechanical science will before long give a complete relief. In the meantime there must be a jealous watch for any pollution of the air. There are practical smoke consumers, and the laws are adequate to the case. It is only necessary to see that they are strictly enforced.

Another problem that the present century must solve is that of river pollution. The time is not ripe for action yet, but it is not unlikely that in a few years an efficient and practical method of destroying refuse of all kinds will be available, and every city should be prompt to adopt it. There is no excuse for making open sewers of our rivers, and the reform is one to keep constantly in view.

Sight and smell are not the only senses that need to be propitiated. It has been shown by medical science that the nervous strain of city life is in large measure, perhaps chiefly, due to the distraction of city noises. Only by an occasional flight to the ineffable peace of the real country, where the whirr of the trolley is never heard and the silence of eventide descends like a palpable thing, can the citizen appreciate the nervous strain brought by incessant and multitudinous noise. Now, much of this jangle is absolutely preventable, and its survival is a barbarism. The municipality can contribute first of all by eliminating intentional noise which is disturbing to the people.

In considering sounds that are to be regulated rather than abolished one naturally thinks of bells. There are many who have a dejection of bells and would offhand abolish the traditional Sunday morning peal and let worshippers go by their clocks, as people do when going to a concert or a play. Now, it may be freely admitted that the average church bell has no tonal beauty to commend it to any ear. It is harsh, clamorous and out of tune. But a really fine chime is quite another thing. No one who has heard the peal from a famous cathedral, say Antwerp, or in some of the smaller Italian towns, whose chiming Mrs. Meynell has so beautifully described, can easily forget the effect. Hardly any one thing seems so well to give a city an atmosphere of its own. The peculiar charm of the bells hangs over the whole place and is inseparable in memory.

We have more than enough bells. We need to substitute quality for quantity. Here is a need which well deserves the attention of people who would do well by their city. A first rate chime, with the sweet mystery of softly voiced and perfectly tuned bells, is expensive and not easy to get, even with the money in hand, but the possession of such a treasure is enough to make any city proud. Let us in the meantime lighten the labors of our common, rancous, workaday bells which disturb and give no compensating pleasure. More difficult and yet ultimately feasible is the reduction of the noise of necessary traffic. Here paving is an important factor in the solution.

SATURDAY EVENING CLUB.

FIRST RECEPTION AT THE AUDITORIUM SATURDAY EVENING A SUCCESS.

Over One Hundred Guests Attend and Enjoy an Evening With Cards and Dancing. Next Party to be Given in Two Weeks.

Coming as the climax of a busy social week, filled with entertainments and parties, the initial reception given by the recently organized Saturday Evening Club furnished diversion for over one hundred guests at the Auditorium Saturday evening. It had been the intention of the officers of the club to hold the party at Carpenter's hall, but the large number of acceptances received to the invitations sent out necessitated changing to the larger hall and notices to that effect were sent out at the last moment.

Dancing was the chief amusement of the evening, though many of the older guests found pleasure at the card tables arranged on the stage. The grand march began at 8:30 o'clock, led by Messrs. and Mesdames W. E. Miles and Guy L. Bush. Following over fifty couples joined in the opening figure of one of the most pleasant social features of the season. A varied program of twelve dances and several extra followed. The spirit of the occasion was entered into with right good will by both young and old. Merrily the hours passed, showing conclusively that the originators of the club had many champions for providing means of such pleasurable enjoyment.

Coming on Washington's Birthday, the patriotic spirit received outward expression in the decorations and the programs. The programs provided the ladies were strung with long tri-colored silk ribbons—red, white and blue, while some of the gentlemen showed his patriotism by wearing a small silk flag on the lapel of his coat. Flags and a draped picture of Washington were other features of the decorations.

J. W. Hughes, as chairman of the committee, was master of ceremonies, assisted by E. M. Gallup acting for the secretary of the club, M. A. Schindler who was unable to be present, and E. G. Huntington. Music was furnished by Starck's Music store.

During intermissions in the regular program a buffet luncheon of coffee and sandwiches was served in the "annex."

The reception met with such general approval by all present that the officers of the club concluded to proceed with the series of parties planned originally, and the next party will be given Saturday evening, March 8th.

Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames, Dr. W. W. Gourley, J. M. Compton, F. A. Daves, G. L. Bush, C. V. Carpenter, F. C. Lancaster, Hugh M. White, E. M. Gallup, E. E. Huntington, J. W. Hughes, A. P. Daniels, F. D. Lempe, R. S. White, W. E. Miles, F. E. Dows, J. B. Hullig, W. S. Carpenter, Jos. M. Burns, W. H. Radell, Budd Kellogg, F. H. Kennison.

Mesdames, Bertha Willis, Corn Hancock, M. White, E. Smith.

Messrs. H. P. Jones, W. H. Blodgett, Harry Bateman, L. E. Stanley, Joe Mitchell, Gaylord Earnest, Fred Innes, Ohas. Wells, J. O. Hancock, E. J. Darnley, Joe Wermuth, Sam. Kennison, Miles Compton, Howard Fairweather, L. E. Jones, Will Lempe.

Misses, Olive Hunt, Edith Graham, Mabel Kutherford, Nellie Carpenter, Louise Stanley, Edith Earnest, Edith Rankin, Ina Hall, Beattie Hall, Gertrude Frankel, Kattie Wermuth, Lillian Daves, Lillian Hancock, Miss White, Alice Stanley, Maude Bateman, Mabel Radell, Olive Mertz, Beattie Nash, Vera Pomeroy.

WILL COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Will county republican convention was held Tuesday and delegates were chosen to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions. Resolutions were adopted pledging the delegates to the congressional convention to Howard Snapp for congressman, Mayor Bar of Joliet, was endorsed for state senator, and the delegates to the senatorial convention were pledged to nominate candidates for the legislature who would support the state administration. In the senatorial convention Will had 25 delegates and DuPage county 10 delegates. Albert J. Hopkins was endorsed for United States senator.

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP PRIMARIES.

Primary election for the nomination of township officers, will be held on Saturday March 15th, from two to six o'clock p. m. Polls will be open at the Downers Grove village hall, the Broadview village hall and the East Hill village hall. By order committee: J. McClintock, J. W. Rogers, J. F. Smart, committee.

Maple Camp No. 988 N. W. this Thursday night, and as many important are to come before meeting it is especially important that members attend.