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## VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR OCTOBER.

Minute Record of the Meeting as Reported by the Village Clerk for Publication as Required by Ordinances.

Downers Grove, Ill., Oct. 6th, 1902. Village board met in regular session Monday evening, Oct. 6th, 1902. Clerk White being absent Trustee Graves was appointed clerk pro tem.

Village treasurer's report for months of August and September read and approved.

Village collector's report read and approved and ordered placed on file. Superintendent of water and lights reported coal consumption during September 81 tons, lights installed since last report 105. Aug. 1st to Oct. 1st. Report ordered placed on file.

Claim ordinance No. 121, providing for the payment of certain claims was read and was as follows: Section 1.—Be it ordained by the president and board of Trustees of the village of Downers Grove in the county of DuPage and state of Illinois, that the several claims against said village hereinafter set forth in favor of the several parties and for the several amounts hereinafter mentioned, be, and the same are hereby allowed and ordered paid, and the clerk and president are directed to issue warrants payable to the said parties respectively out of the village funds as specified, to-wit:

C. S. Hughes	33.33
L. E. Edwards	3.00
Wm Devereaux	28.00
R. Wells	14.00
W. Lawson	6.00
H. T. Aldrich	36.80
Hls. Lumber & Con Co.	155.70
W. H. Merritt	44.00
Mertz & Mochel	74.49
S. Hoffert	4.25
P. J. Kearney	45.00
G. H. Bunge	15.00
G. C. Habel	80.00
Clayton Zook	60.00
R. Hoehr	45.00
Q. Schmidt	10.00
Garlock Packing Co.	7.66
J. Devereaux	5.70
P. Conrady	4.30
Burlington Coal & Coke Co.	172.00
L. Wolf Mfg Co.	27.49
Peas Chemical Co.	43.30
Valvaire Oil Co.	25.92
Monarch Electric & Wire Co.	10.20
Thos. Bunting	3.30
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg Co.	23.20
Atlas Oil Co.	18.71
H. J. Hawkins	7.50

It was moved and carried that claim ordinance be put upon its passage. Said claim ordinance No. 121 was then put upon its passage and passed.

An ordinance amending section 8 of chapter 11 of the ordinances of the village relating to the water rates was read and on motion was placed upon its passage. Said ordinance was then put upon its passage and carried all voting aye.

An ordinance to amend sections 5 and 7 of an ordinance entitled an ordinance concerning the electric light system of the village was read and ordered placed on its passage. Said ordinance was then placed upon its passage and carried, all voting aye.

An ordinance to amend section 1 of chapter 8 of the ordinances of the village relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors was read and ordered placed upon its passage. Said ordinance was then put upon its passage and passed, all voting aye.

Water and light committee reported on claim of C. E. Graves for refund of water rates, declining same as minimum rates were charged, report accepted.

Trustee Kuenzel of Water and light committee reported he thought expense involved in putting water table around foundation of standpipe made of galvanized iron would cost too much and suggested using cement. Matter left with committee with power to act.

Upon motion of Trustees Klein and Roe the matter of placing an electric light on East Railroad street was left with water and light committee with power to act, all voting aye.

It was moved by Trustees Stevens and Klein that committee be appointed to make a statement relative to sewer proposition through the Downers Grove Reporter, after statement was prepared it was to be signed by president and trustees of the board and that petition be left at bank and drug stores for signatures. Trustees Stevens, Kuenzel and Graves were appointed upon the committee.

Upon proper motion board adjourned. J. W. GRAVES, Clerk, pro tem.

### FRANK BAKER DEAD.

Frank Baker, well known in Downers Grove, died at his home in La-Grange last Friday morning from a complication of diseases. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon and burial made in the West cemetery at Downers Grove. The young man was born in Downers Grove and grew to manhood here, and graduated from the village schools in the class of 1899. Recently he had been employed at Indianapolis. He was married only a few months ago.

## OFFICIAL RESULTS IN DUPAGE COUNTY.

Figures on the Election Showing Total Vote and Pluralities of Republicans.

The official result of the vote of DuPage county cast at the election Nov. 4th gives some interesting figures. The total vote cast was 4,643. One surprising feature of the contest was the fact that C. D. Bartlett did not lead the democrats but ran 25 votes behind Alvin Scott, the democratic candidate for treasurer. Royal T. Morgan polled the largest individual vote and had the largest majority over his opponent—2,510. Higgins received 87 and Mather 257 votes in the county. Tiesberg, the prohibition candidate for state treasurer, polled 261 votes; Kischer, prohibition candidate for county judge, received 292 votes. The total vote polled by the republican and democratic candidates and the pluralities of the republicans follow:

Basse	2,772	Duddleston	1,402	Plurality	1,370
Baylis	2,719	Bills	1,386		1,333
Bamer	2,598	Pickering	1,526		1,072
Snapp	2,606	Monroe	1,525		1,081
Barr	2,626	Schwartz	1,490		1,136
Drew	3,928	Bush	4,182		4,027
Bowles	4,082				1,145
Ruth	2,642	Winchester	1,497		1,109
Lawrence	2,647	White	1,538		1,043
Hiser	2,624	Bartlett	1,611		963
Knight	2,599	Scott	1,636		2,510
Morgan	2,826	Pierce	316		1,998
State referendum	yes, 2,337; no, 429;				1,677
Local	2,083; no, 406;				2,033
Direct vote on U. S. Senator, yes	2,420; no, 387				

The official tabulated statement of the total vote on every ticket for each precinct in the county will be found on the fifth page.

### METHODIST PASTOR SURPRISED.

The Methodist parsonage was invaded last Friday evening by a crowd of Methodists bent on having their own way—and they did. Two "spies" had been sent on ahead to make a social call and occupy the attention of the pastor and his wife, so that the dark designs of the main body might be more effectively carried out. The "call" was proceeding satisfactorily when the door bell rang violently and the terrifying cry of "Surprise!" "Surprise!" rang out upon the November air. The noisy, good natured, smiling crowd filled the hall and soon had the house most thoroughly in their possession and were congratulating themselves that the pastor and his wife "hadn't heard a word about it" through all their weeks of scheming. Soon Mr. and Mrs. Rood were summoned to a conspicuous place among the throng and Prof. O. M. Searles in a most felicitous address, presented in behalf of the church, a splendid morris chair, beautifully upholstered. Mr. Rood responded as best he could on short notice. Refreshments provided by "the invaders" were served, an exceedingly pleasant evening enjoyed and one of those happy incidents that help to gladden the pastor among a devoted people had passed into the history of the Methodist church and enriched the heart of a grateful pastor and his wife.

### PLAN TO REORGANIZE CLUB.

If the plans of some of the prominent members of the Downers Grove club do not fail a reorganization of that organization will be effected next Saturday and the club will be continued. The officers are considering a plan whereby the control of the present quarters as well as the third floor of the Oldfield building will be secured. The hall will under this scheme be managed by the club and rented for parties and entertainments and it is figured considerable revenue will be derived from this source. Geo. B. Heardt, the owner of the building, it is stated, has made the club a liberal proposition. Under this reorganization plan it is hoped to get a sufficient number of members to maintain the club with dues of \$1 a month. The Woman's club will also be given an opportunity to contribute for the purpose of continuing the club. The present lease of the club rooms expires Saturday November 15th.

### MRS. THOMAS WELLS DEAD.

Mrs. Thomas Wells died at her home about a mile north of Downers Grove, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11th, aged 83 years. The immediate cause of her death was disease of the liver. The body was taken to Chicago yesterday afternoon and funeral services will be held there Friday. Burial will be at Forest Home cemetery. The Wells family have been residents of Downers Grove for four or five years coming here from Chicago where they had resided for over thirty years.

### NEW TIME CARD SUNDAY.

A new suburban time card went into effect on the Burlington Sunday. The principal changes which effect this station is the discontinuing of the east bound Saturday afternoon train which left Downers at 2:40 o'clock and the west bound Saturday afternoon train which left the city at 1:25 o'clock.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Shenandoah pants \$2.50, at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. O. O. Elder left Monday for his home in Missouri.

Mrs. Orilla Townsend is visiting friends in Maywood. A. P. Hosmer left last week for Woodruff, Wisconsin.

L. P. Naramore transacted business in Naperville Monday. Miss Mariana Libby was a welcome guest at M. B. Downers Sunday.

Geo. T. Hughes will make extensive repairs on his residence on Saratoga avenue.

Col. F. M. Woods of Lincoln, Neb., was here Saturday, the guest of Maj. G. N. Jones.

Mrs. Geo. B. Heardt returned Tuesday from a visit to her daughter at Wilton Center.

Miss Elizabeth Strong is spending a few days in the city with her cousin E. W. Churchill.

Misses Bower, Davis and McGill of Chicago were guests of Mrs. I. Brandenburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Innis expect to leave Downers Grove within a few weeks for the south-west for the benefit of his health.

Two more cases of scarlet fever are reported at East Grove. They are in the families of Jerry Corcoran and Mrs. F. C. Collier.

FOR RENT—37 Fairview avenue, East Grove, 13 room double house, furnace heat, good barn, fine grounds, telephones, one block south of station. V. Fredenhagen.

The electric light operators find it necessary to make long runs these cloudy days—say from 4 p. m. to 7 a. m., but they are meeting the reasonable demand of every patron.

Christian science services are held at 102 Gilbert avenue. Morning service at 10:45, subject for Nov. 16, "Soul and Body." Sunday school for the children at noon. All are cordially invited.

Dr. Walter C. Barber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Barber now occupy the Crosby home on Curtis street which they recently purchased. They moved here from Naperville yesterday.

H. A. Maxfield, formerly station agent here, but for several years past manager of the American Forwarding and Mercantile Co's Los Angeles office, will soon return to Illinois and is hereafter identified with the company's Chicago office.

Word has been received by friends here of the death of E. C. Shaeffer in Weatherford, Oklahoma, on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Mr. Shaeffer was a brother-in-law of Mrs. M. McNaught and Mrs. M. H. Bates, and father of Mrs. Clara Shaeffer-Fox, who was so well known here.

The many friends of Miss Nellie Lyman, daughter of Mrs. M. G. Lyman, of Downers Grove will be interested in the announcement of her marriage to Geo. M. Hendrickson which occurred at Paradise, Oregon, Wednesday, October 22nd. They will make their home at that place.

The advent of a boy baby in the family of State Representative Guy L. Bush, Wednesday morning is announced. Though exact data on which to base predictions is lacking, certain indications point to a political future for Bush, Junior, and he has already been dubbed "The Senator from Illinois."

John T. Oldfield, one of the substantial farmers near Hinsdale, was here yesterday. Speaking of the crop condition of the season just closed he says that never in his experience here has there been such an amount of moisture in the ground and that in many cases corn has spoiled in the shock owing to the excessive precipitation.

The Downers Grove club brought suit against John Saas in Justice Graham's court yesterday to recover the sum of \$15 alleged to be due by the defendant for arrears in dues to the club. Saas took a change of venue to Justice Reidy's court at Lisle and the case will be heard Friday. L. W. Winchester will represent the club and John Haight will be attorney for Saas.

It is reported from semi-official sources that the reports of the earnings of the C. B. & Q. during the past month show a falling off in traffic between Aurora and Chicago of over 4,400 faces. This is attributable to the new road which is being largely patronized by residents of that city. The suburban trains which were once packed with shoppers going to and from Chicago now furnish seats for all, while the electric cars are the ones that are crowded.

National Light oil at Nash's. California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Best oil in town at Curtis & Heardt's. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cross is very ill.

E. J. Dickson is the purchaser of a new Straube Piano this week.

Mrs. J. R. Green, nurse, 100 East Curtis Street, Downers Grove, Ill. Mrs. V. Welton and daughter, Miss Anna, visited friends here this week.

Miss Catherine Purdue of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. I. Brandenburg this week.

Mrs. M. McNaught will reside with her sister, Mrs. M. H. Bates, the coming winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wetten of Chicago are the parents of a girl baby born last week.

Mrs. Cora Escher-Hughes entertains a few Downers Grove friends in her new home in the city Saturday.

E. M. Gallup left Monday for a two weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Gallup, at Redlands, Cal.

Mrs. Martin Fry, daughter Ruth and little son, of Chicago, visited Mr. and Mrs. William W. Tucker last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Strong of Champaign, Ill., and Oreal Elder of Nevada, Mo., have been visiting Mrs. H. E. Strong.

A. J. Dent has moved into the Reader place which he recently purchased and Policeman Kearney now occupies his own home on Fairmount avenue.

Rev. Herbert H. Rood's topic for Sunday evening will be "Dowitism, Faith-Cures and Divine Healing." All not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

The Epworth league of the Methodist church will serve a hot supper Thursday evening at the church. A good time is guaranteed. Everybody is invited. Supper 25 cents.

Mrs. H. S. Wheeler contemplates starting for Mexico next week to join her husband who is in that country for the benefit of his health. The reports from him are very favorable.

The REPORTER has received from Capt. T. S. Rogers, member of the board of equalization for this congressional district, the statement of property assessed in Illinois for the year 1902.

Need furnishings?—collars, cuffs, underwear, gloves, shirts, neckwear. Tholin on Foot street has a dependable line. As choice a variety and at as reasonable prices as any furnisher in the city.

Regular monthly business meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will occur in the basement of Congregational church Friday evening, Nov. 14th. After business session a peanut race will occur.

The REPORTER was in error last week when it stated that Delos Downer was then ill with scarlet fever. The lad had fully recovered from the disease and the home had been released from quarantine the week previous.

Alderman Stevens, T. F. Johnson, Dr. Kenison and other north side residents have put in concrete walks which add much to the beauty and utility of their commodious homes. It is expected that a great deal of this work will be done here the coming spring and summer.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Pope are having more than their share of trouble. Their daughter Mildred has just recovered from diphtheria and now their youngest child, Ruth, has scarlet fever in a light form. During the illness of Mildred, Ruth was staying at the home of G. H. Bunge and was taken ill with scarlet fever Saturday.

The old Ellsworth residence at Naperville is about a thing of the past, it having been taken down in small pieces. Its construction was peculiar, the frame work being of heavy hewed timbers, such as were used here before the introduction of sawed pine lumber. It was especially constructed to withstand the force of prairie wind storms and the discomforts of zero weather.

Macbeth was studied by the members of the Downers Grove Woman's club at its "Shakespeare Day" meeting yesterday afternoon. Miss Mary A. Wade, the prominent Oak Park club woman, led the discussion of the play in an able manner. The program opened with responses to roll call—Shakespearean quotations. This was followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Thos. Watson. Macbeth as a literary production, drama, and as an individual character was considered in all phases. As the conclusion of its program the club voted to co-operate with the Downers Grove club in the latter's effort to organize on a solid basis.

## INCREASE IN CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Warning issued by Chicago Health Department Should be heeded.

The increase of diphtheria, scarlet fever and other diseases in Downers Grove calls for prompt measures to check the spread of the diseases. The weekly bulletin of the Chicago health department gives some sound advice along this line which it would be well for residents here to heed. It says:

"Diphtheria threatens to be more prevalent and fatal this fall than at any time since its treatment by antitoxin was begun in Chicago some seven years ago. Twenty deaths were reported from this cause last week, as against twelve for the corresponding week last year. This two-thirds increase in the number of deaths is made more significant by the increasing frequency with which the diphtheria bacillus is found in the laboratory examinations—an increase amounting to more than 55 per cent during the last two weeks.

"It is not only the diphtheria organism but the germs of nearly all the infectious and contagious diseases that show an increase. Pneumonia, influenza and scarlet fever germs especially are found with increasing frequency.

"The department is not authorized to treat any disease except smallpox (in all cases) and diphtheria among the destitute. But it is its duty to prevent disease. It knows that the inhalation of formaldehyde gas will prevent a large proportion of cases of the diseases which now threaten the public health. For a few cents any druggist will furnish a half ounce metal ointment box packed with absorbent cotton, and the cotton wet with formalin.

"The formalin box should be carried on the person during the day and put under the pillow at night. At the onset of coughing, sneezing, running of the eyes or nose or other promontory symptoms of having 'caught cold,' remove the cover from the box and inhale the vapor through the nostrils and mouth alternately for two or three minutes. Be careful not to inhale too vigorously at first. Frequently a single use will cut short the symptoms, but it may be repeated without harm as often as necessary during the day or night."

### CASS ITEMS.

Frank Gregory is still shredding corn.

Roy Andrus of the lower part of town would like to buy a dog.

Mrs. Cornelia Oldfield and son Adalbert returned from Idaho last week.

Mr. Kling of the lilly cash country has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Leubundguth.

Frank Chilvers is laying plans to build a summer resort. It seems his pump has been bothering him for some time, and recently the pump stopped altogether. On taking the pump up to be repaired quite a good sized fish was found wedged in the cylinder. The fish was blind and of a strange color. Chester Heurt says it resembles a variety he once saw in New Mexico.

### BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Fire destroyed the barn on the Blackburn property on Grove street Monday night. The alarm was turned in about 7:30 o'clock and the fire department soon had the blaze under control. In a short time the fire was thought to be out. Some embers must have been overlooked, however, for the department was again called out about one o'clock the following morning, when the building was again discovered in flames, and burned almost to the ground. The origin of the fire is unknown. A colored family by the name of Davis occupied the house during the summer but they moved out of town last week.

### PILLOW EXHIBIT.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will give a sofa pillow exhibit in the church basement, Thursday afternoon and evening, Nov. 20th. Any lady in the village having pillows who will loan them for the occasion please send word to the committee, Mrs. M. B. Downer or Mrs. J. R. Foster. A prize will be awarded to the most durable, also the most fancy pillow. Admission 10 cents. Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee will be served at the usual price of 10 cents. All pillows will be cared for and safely returned after the exhibit.

### TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On Monday evening Nov. 3rd, the members of the German Evangelical church numbering about 20 drove out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Iehl, the date being their 20th anniversary. The party was out for a good time and enjoyed an oyster supper. Mrs. Iehl was also remembered with several nice pieces of china. After spending a pleasant evening the party departed wishing the host and hostess many future anniversaries.

## TO EXTEND FREE DELIVERY

GOVERNMENT TO RUSH EXTENSION OF RURAL DELIVERY TO EVERY STATE.

Officials of Post Office Department Look Forward to Time When Every Farmer Will Have Mail Delivery Daily.

The officials of the post office department look forward now to the extension of rural free delivery throughout the entire United States. They have made their estimates as to what it will cost to deliver letters on every American farm or plantation in the sparsely settled and thickly settled parts of the country. The cost will not be trifling. To deliver every rural American his mail will take about \$94,000,000 a year. Should the present service be extended at the rate of 12,000 routes a year until the 700,000 square miles of territory yet to be covered have been taken care of, there will be for several years an annual deficit of from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The deficit will, it is asserted, disappear gradually as the revenues increase by reason of the improved postal facilities.

Not many years ago rural free delivery was a questionable sort of experiment. The farmers, for whose benefit it was intended, did not in all quarters take kindly to it. They are not eager seekers after novelties, and the idea of abandoning the customary trip to the village postoffice for mail, a trip which gave them a welcome opportunity to gossip with neighbors and discuss the crops and elections, was not altogether attractive to them. But they appreciate fully now the advantage of the new departure. There is an increasing pressure for the establishment of rural routes, and the representative of a country district who cannot secure something in this line for his constituents runs the risk of losing his popularity.

So strong is the pressure for rural free delivery that the postoffice department officials are not dealing with a remote question when they prepare estimates of the gross cost of a complete rural service. But while the cost will be large it will not frighten Americans. Indeed, they are in the habit of looking unmoved at such large appropriations for far less useful purposes.

It may well be that when the letter carrier makes his trip to every farmer's gate, they will make more extensive use of the mails than they do now, and that the revenues of the department will expand as they have in the past whenever better facilities have been provided. Even if this were not to be the case the "general welfare" will be promoted by an expenditure which brings the farmers of the United States into closer touch with the busy world, from which most of them are so far removed.

### LOTUS CLUB TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Lotus club is planning to give an entertainment in the near future, and many of our readers will hail with pleasure the opportunity to hear the gentlemen whose singing they recently enjoyed during a union service at the Methodist church. The club will be assisted by Mrs. Genevieve Puffer-Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schachner and Miss Nellie Carpenter as accompanist. Mrs. Reid is well known and greatly admired by a host of friends in the Grove, who need no assurance of the high standard of her readings or of the merit of the program in which she would be willing to become a component part. Mr. and Mrs. Schachner have recently located in our midst, but those who have had the pleasure of hearing them, speak very highly of Mr. Schachner as a vocal soloist, and of Mrs. Schachner in her splendid execution upon the violin. The entertainment will be clean, crisp and enjoyable from start to finish, and we predict for the club a crowded house. Particulars and program will be published next week.

### TURKEYS WILL BE HIGH.

The fowl that is sacrificed at the altar of appetite this Thanksgiving will have the "joke" on the person who pays the price. With the time of prize and feasting only 17 days away merchants report that never in recent years were turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens so expensive, or never was the supply so meager. Nor is this all, for the prices of most vegetables and fruits have soared, and all indications point to a larger bill this year when the dinner table is cleared away. Two years ago the dealers were satisfied to ask 15 cents a pound for turkeys. The price was some higher last year, and this year 18 cents a pound will be quoted. And while the supply is only about half normal the birds are an important lot. The wet weather of last spring is responsible for this condition, according to the merchants, who say the turkeys have been poorly fed.