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Board's Official Record.

Proceedings of the April Sessions of the Board of Trustees.

Record of Meetings Held April 6th and 24th Official Prepared for Publication by the Village Clerk.

Downers Grove, Ill., April 6, 1903.—The regular meeting for the month of April was called to order by President Gesner. Roll call noted all present except Trustee Roe. The minutes of regular and special meetings of March were read and approved. The report of village treasurer was read and ordered placed on file. Report of superintendent of water and light was referred to water and light committee. A communication was read from Mrs. A. P. Daniels regarding nuisance occasioned by dogs digging holes along sidewalks and lawns and on motion matter was left to street and alley committee.

Claim ordinance No. 127 providing for the payment of certain claims was read and was as follows:

Electrical Material Co.	9 00
Thos. Bunning	1 33
H. J. Hawking	18 70
C. E. Zook	5 80
R. V. Loehr	80 00
G. C. Babel	8 28
Same unloading coal	17 70
Burlington Coal and Coke Co.	13 40
Gregory Electric Co.	33 50
Penn. Chemical Co.	13 40
Garlock Packing Co.	4 50
Postoria Incandescent Light Co.	10 00
Monarch Electric Co.	10 00
Valentine Oil Co.	24 72
Bush & Simonson	1 20
G. T. Hughes	2 40
Wm. Deveraux	4 00
Ills. Lumber & Coal Co.	22 13
Mertz & Mochel	4 00
W. H. Mertz	4 00
Chas. Carpenter	5 00
B. C. White	15 00
G. H. Bunge	45 00
H. J. Hanson	10 00
Farmers & Merchants Bank	30 00
H. M. White	16 66
C. S. Hughes	14 25

It was moved and carried that claim ordinance No. 127 be put upon its passage, all voting aye. President Gesner appointed the following judges and clerks of the village election to be held April 21, which were confirmed by the board: Judges, Geo. N. Jones, J. W. Tucker and W. H. Barnhart. Clerks, Hugh M. White, A. E. Courtwright and E. Woehrel. Trustee Graves reported that the residents on the west side of Highland avenue between Prairie and Chicago avenues desired to lay a cement walk along the block but that the trees were so large that it would be impossible to lay walks at the present line and ask the board to permit walks being laid nearer the street to prevent damage to trees. Matter was referred to street and alley committee with power to act. It was moved and carried that the village clerk be empowered and authorized to have new ordinance books distributed to the citizens of the village.

On motion board adjourned to Friday April 24. BERT C. WHITE, Clerk.

Downers Grove, Ill., April 24, 1903.—Adjourned meeting from April 6, was called by Trustee Klein. President Gesner being absent. It was moved that Trustee Klein act as president pro tem. Roll call noted all present except Trustees Kuenzel and Roe. It was moved that board proceed to canvass returns of village election. Vote was canvassed with following results: For President, Charles Mochel 333 votes; L. B. Gesner 2; Jas. Chilvers 1; Herbert Lloyd 1. For trustees, G. B. Heatt 358 votes; C. F. Davis 348; C. H. Staats 244; W. Whiffin 147; Louis Klein 1; W. H. Barnhart 1; Levi Mertz 1. Bert C. White for village clerk 361 votes. It was moved by Trustees Graves and Klein that Chas. Mochel having received the majority of all votes cast be declared elected president, and that G. B. Heatt, C. F. Davis and C. H. Staats having received a majority of all votes cast they be declared elected trustees, and that Bert C. White having received a majority of all votes cast he be declared elected village clerk and the clerk be instructed to so notify parties elected. Motion carried. Upon proper motion board adjourned. BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

MAY FETE TONIGHT.

The annual May fete of the Congregational choir will be given at the Auditorium this, Thursday, evening under the direction of the music committee of that organization. Prominent among the features to be given will be the recitations of Mrs. Cora Blanchard Brewer and the vocal solos of Norman Olmstead, both of whom are favorites with Downers Grove audiences. Chorus numbers by the choir will also form a part of the program.

ASSESSOR ROGERS A BUSY MAN.

Assessor Frank A. Rogers has practically completed securing the schedules of taxable property of Downers Grove township, and is now engaged entering the amounts on the books. This year an entire new assessment of real estate is necessary which greatly increases the amount of work. The books must be returned to Supervisor of Assessments Frank J. Knight before June 1.

YARDS AND LAWNS.

Some Timely Suggestions For Improving Your Premises—Infectious Diseases Killed.

Now is the time to make plans for neighborhood improvement and to proceed to carry them out, says the Chicago Post. All rubbish that has accumulated in the yards and vacant lots should be gathered in heaps. A garbage man will cart the stuff off for a few cents or it may be burned, for the boys will find fun in a bonfire. Pull up the weeds and dead vines along the flower beds, borders and next to the fences. Shrubby, that has been positively frozen should be dug out and burned. Dead branches should always be burned as by so doing pests are destroyed and diseases killed. Rake off the lawns and keep the grass in good condition. Mend up the fence yourself—a nail in time saves nine. Remember that a pot of paint will work miracles. Paint comes ready for use in cans and costs but little. By learning to use the brush yourself you will set a good example to the neighbors and keep your own premises looking fresh.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

For the week ending May 11, 1903—There was a gradual increment of mean temperature during the week, from unseasonably cool the first part to summer like conditions the latter part. The average temperature for the week was slightly below normal. Light to heavy frosts occurred in the northern portion but no serious injury to vegetation or fruits ensued. Except in the southern district where light showers occurred the first part of the week, there was an almost total lack of rainfall. The depletion for the week will average about one inch, and this together with the cool weather, retarded the growth of vegetation to an appreciable degree. The conditions have been very favorable for the prosecution of farm work.

GOOD ROADS A NECESSITY.

The president's plea for good roads should bear more than passing fruit. At this stage of our civilization our public roads, on which so much of the commerce and communication of the country depend, should be engineering certainties, and not the hit or miss expedients for travel that too many of them are now. They should be in every state in the hands of expert builders and not under a supervision that is more political than practical, almost wholly ignorant of road science. In fact, it is to the public discredit that the fight for good roads is so hard and so full of discouragement to its advocates.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS.

The high school class of 1903 will issue invitations this week for their annual exercises, which will be held in the Methodist church Friday evening, June 5. The class numbers eight this year, five young ladies and three young men, as follows: Misses Bessie E. Naab, Nina D. Thomas, Cora D. Wheeler, Ella L. Mertz and Cora E. Smart; Messrs. F. Jason Littleford, A. Roy Cramer and Edward M. Diener. Superintendent O. M. Searles will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon to the class at the Methodist church Sunday evening, May 31. His subject will be "Remaining as a Child."

RURAL CARRIERS HAVEN'T A SNAP.

When the rural mail routes were first laid out there was a good deal of competition for the job of carrier, but the carriers have found that their salary is not sufficient to maintain a family and pay for the wear and tear of horse flesh, besides the many incidentals such as blacksmith bills, etc. The roads have been bad for a long period this spring and the carriers fully realize now that they haven't a snap. There are many resignations throughout the state, but the departments require that carriers shall continue their contract until their successors are chosen.—Clarion.

HOPKIN'S THEATRE.

"Miss New York, Jr.," the extravaganza that will appear at Hopkin's theatre for the week commencing Sunday matinee, May 24, comes here heralded by both the press and public as the most pleasing and artistic novelty of the season. The entertainment is entirely different from the usual run of burlesque attractions, no suggestiveness either in dialogue or action, no old time afterpieces, but a strictly first class and entertaining program from beginning to end. The opening comedy "Thirty Minutes at Sea," serves to introduce a number of very pretty chorus girls who sing well, dance well and are costumed in some very handsome gowns. This nautical skit is simply a vehicle to introduce the entire company in many very pretty ensembles and several comical situations.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heatt's. White lead, dry colors, oil and varnish at the Fair.

Wm. Straube arrived home Sunday from his Mexican plantation. The best fried cakes at the baker's Fresh every day. Telephone 234.

Frank D. Lindley returned Saturday from a trip to Denver and the west.

Chas. Strauley has moved into G. E. White's residence on Warren avenue.

Mrs. Edwin Frank returned Monday from a several days visit at Naperville.

Miss Mabel Rutherford entertained a party of friends at cards Monday evening.

Ed Woolton returned yesterday from a trip to Wisconsin buying sheep and lambs.

Home baked bakery goods fresh every day at Mrs. Julius Johnson's, on South Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strubler of Naperville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Courtwright Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cleverden of Chicago spent Tuesday with Mesdames E. Wood and W. R. Wells.

For Sale—Four light sash with frame \$3.00; also good copper bath tub, \$3.00. Apply 184 South Main street.

Joseph Haas is suffering with an injured knee caused by a large wheel falling on it one day last week.

Mrs. E. C. Fuller and Mrs. All Heine mann of Fullersburg were callers in our village Tuesday afternoon.

Leave your laundry at R. Roth's, which will be collected every Tuesday and Thursday by the Naperville Steam laundry. All work guaranteed.

Friends of the family in Downers Grove will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. P. C. Gallup which occurred at Redlands, California, last Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh M. White is at the Garfield Park sanitarium for two weeks' treatment and where she successfully underwent an operation yesterday.

Julius Johnson has disposed of his interest in the Downers Grove Steam Laundry to Geo. Bateman and Lou Braberg who will continue the business.

The Downers Grove ball team played the Illinois Trust and Savings bank team on Downers' field Saturday afternoon and were defeated by a score of 12 to 5.

Mrs. A. D. White and daughters, Genevieve and Marguerite, of St. Edwards, Neb., visited several days this week with their cousin, Mrs. W. B. Towley.

Having disposed of my laundry business to Bateman & Braberg I wish to take this opportunity to thank my former customers for their liberal patronage. JULIUS JOHNSON.

Mrs. Julius Johnson keeps a full line of home baked bakery goods, such as bread, pies, cakes, rolls, doughnuts, cookies, buns, and in fact everything in that line. Goods fresh every day.

An indoor ball game will be played at the Auditorium next Tuesday evening when the Guards and Wanderers will again compete for first honors. You don't have to be in the game to get 10 cents worth of fun out of it.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Library association the officers for the coming year were chosen as follows: Mrs. W. H. Radell, president; Mrs. M. A. Sacksteder, vice president; Mrs. M. H. Naramore, secretary; Mrs. Bates, treasurer.

Naper Post, G. A. R., meets in its hall tonight to perfect arrangements for the Memorial day exercises. Inasmuch as the village does not boast a brass band the veterans will have nothing but a drum to guide their solemn tread.

At the Congregational church next Sunday, the pastor will preach in the morning at 10:45. In the evening at the usual hour of services an illustrated stereopticon picture service will be given on the Life of Christ. All are invited.

Walter Scott Bryan regrets that owing to the shameful manner in which parties are breaking the trees and shrubs on the Ducat estate, he has found it necessary to forbid the public from picking lilacs, peonias and other flowers. If the depredations are continued, Mr. Bryan says, the beautiful walk will have to be closed to the citizens.

Downers Grove Masons are anticipating a big time at a special convocation next Saturday evening when the sublime degree will be conferred upon John W. Nash. Prominent Masons from Chicago, Aurora, Naperville, Riverside and other places will be present. Following the Masonic ceremonies a banquet will be given in the Oldfield block to close with a program of toasts.

National Light oil at Nash's. California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. A full line of Devos's ready mixed paints at the Fair.

Miss Florence Bates was home from Waukegan over Sunday.

Two Painters wanted—Inquire of R. D. Parker, 71 Gilbert avenue.

Miss Eva Sheldon of Naperville was a visitor at Wm. Barber's Saturday.

Pumper-nickel every Tuesday and Saturday at Rang's. Telephone 234.

John Gray of Traer, Iowa, was the guest of his son, Arthur J. Gray, last week.

Max H. Schachner has purchased both of the Luce houses on Gilbert avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Cole of Bensonville, spent Monday and Tuesday visiting friends here.

Mrs. F. A. Root entertained a party of her lady friends from Chicago at luncheon yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Haertt have returned from their California trip and other points in the west.

Cream of the West flour makes the most bread and is the cheapest flour in town. Every sack is guaranteed.

Geraniums, panes and all varieties of choice bedding plants may be secured at C. S. Foote's greenhouses.

Mrs. A. P. Daniels entertained a number of the visiting members of Woman's club yesterday at Luncheon.

Capt. T. S. Rogers will chaperone a party of Downers Grove gentlemen on a visit to the Hoxie stock farm in Cook county, south of Chicago, today.

Mrs. M. A. Sacksteder and Mrs. Jas. M. Burns have issued cards for a reception at the club rooms Friday afternoon from two until five o'clock.

Tuesday evening base ball fans can see a good game of the indoor variety at the Auditorium. The Guards expect to do funny things to the Wanderers.

Samuel Hoffer and family wish to express their thanks to their many friends for kindness and sympathy shown them in their recent bereavement.

J. C. Bacon, a graduate of Northwestern university dental college, was here this week looking over the ground with a view of establishing an office here.

For Sale or Rent—8-room house in first class condition. Newly painted and renovated inside and out; 156 North Main street; \$14 per month. Inquire R. D. Parker, 71 Gilbert avenue.

It pays to read the bargains in our advertising columns. Shrewd merchants are always alive to the situation, and you can often save a dollar on your Saturday shopping by keeping posted.

The Lawn Tennis club is an assured fact. Active steps in organizing the association have been taken, grounds have been secured and in the near future the elusive sphere will be batted from side to side.

In view of the fact that experts say that the present wave of prosperity will continue for some time, we feel warranted in advising our delinquent subscribers that they will be entirely safe in parting with a dollar to apply on account.

By a recent change the Burlington route has discontinued its offices at Lincoln and transferred the business to Chicago. Several hundred employees have been brought to the general offices in the city, a large number of whom have found homes in Downers Grove.

The village board held an adjourned meeting Monday night but owing to the absence of Trustee Heatt no action was taken in the main street paving improvement. The meeting adjourned until next Monday when the matter will come up and steps taken to get the business through the next term of the county court.

All veterans and members of Naper Post are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall tonight at which time arrangements will be completed for the Decoration day exercises. The usual program will be carried out and the Lotus club will furnish the music for the exercises at the cemetery and at the Auditorium in the afternoon.

The "Song of Hiawatha" was given at the Auditorium by pupils of the village schools Saturday evening. In every way, both as regards music and acting, together with costumes and scenic arrangements the production was fully up to the expectations aroused by the advance notices and reflects credit upon Mrs. M. Slusser, who was the leading spirit in the enterprise, and Miss Mabel Messner, who had charge of the musical part of the production. Seventy-five dollars were cleared as a result of the play.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET.

Annual Field Day to be Observed Saturday Afternoon, May 23rd.

The students of our high school are now making plans for holding their annual athletic meet at the north side lake grounds on May 23. This meet promises to be a great success as the athletics of our high school are now in first class condition. On that day the boys will contest in the principal athletic events of the day. The grass around the lake will be mowed and the track will be improved. The school has been working hard to make this meet a success and as there is plenty of good material it will undoubtedly be a success. The high school girls will have charge of a candy booth and the money taken in by them will help defray the expenses. The public is cordially invited to attend this meet. Remember the date, Saturday, May 23, at 2:30 p. m. The following is the order in which the events will take place: 1. Low hurdle race, 220 yards. 2. Hammer throw, 13 pounds. 3. 100-yard dash. 4. 880-yard run, 1/2 mile. 5. Shot put, 12 pounds. 6. 440-yard dash, 1/2 mile. 7. Running broad jump. 8. Pole vault. 9. Running high jump. 10. Relay race, consisting of two teams of four boys each. The winners of these events will receive silver medals.

CASS ITEMS.

John Sinyard and James West visited friends at Lemont last Saturday. Many Cass people attended the funeral of John Atwood last week. Thos. Atwood of Vandavia visited friends in Cass this week. Ed Cheese is repairing his house for his tenant. Miss Amy Andrus was a caller at Geo. Davys last Sunday. Miss Myrtle Drew spent Monday night with Miss Nettie Reader. Will Andrus and Misses Grace Palmer and Ellen Walton had an exciting experience with a runaway team on the "flatiron" last Sunday. No serious damage resulted. Homer Andrus will work Isaac Cleveland's farm this year. Misses Jennie and Sophia Cleveland of Lockport visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cleveland, Sunday. Clinton Cleveland is visiting his parents this week. Mrs. Jas. Drew, for many years a resident of Cass, is seriously ill with typhoid fever in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gregory spent Tuesday night in Downers Grove. Residents of Cass are pleased at the safe return of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Heatt from their extended western trip. The remains of Peter Worden, a former resident of Cass, were buried in the Cass cemetery Monday afternoon. Mr. Worden died in Chicago Saturday. There will be an Epworth League social at Miss Lottie Littleford's Friday night, to which all are invited.

ROUNTREE HISTORIC CLUB.

It is seldom that an evening's program is offered to the residents of the village which presents as many points of excellence as the Royal League entertainment Saturday evening. Under the guidance of Prof. Rountree two sketches will be presented by a number of intellectual conversationalists. "The Usual Way" is the title of one of the farce comedies, and "Fascinations" is the other. Prominent in the cast is Billy Lawson whose work behind the foot lights needs no comment. Lowry's orchestra will discourse melodies at intervals in the evening. The stage in the Auditorium has been prepared for the event. The program is:

1. "I Dreamt That I Dwell in Marble Halls".....Orchestra
2. "Hiawatha".....Orchestra
3. Play....."The Usual Way"
4. National Airs.....Orchestra
5. Reading.....Selected Frederick McCanshaar.
6. Dixie.....Orchestra
7. Play....."Fascinations"
8. Finale—March.....Orchestra

DELEGATE TO TRAINMEN CONVENTION.

A. C. Riddler leaves Friday night for Denver where he goes as a delegate from Columbian lodge to the sixth biennial convention of the Grand Lodge, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The delegates will go in a special train of Pullman coaches over the Burlington and will leave Chicago tomorrow night at 10 o'clock. Mr. Riddler for a number of years has been prominent in the work of the organization, hence his selection to represent the employees of this end of the Burlington system. He will be absent about two weeks.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICIALS.

At a special business meeting of the members of the Baptist church, W. H. Edwards and J. Littleford were elected trustees; T. S. Watson and J. M. Platts, deacons. The church is now officiated as follows: Pastor, H. Booth Hassen; deacons, R. O. Curtiss, W. E. Towley, J. M. Platts and T. S. Watson; trustees, J. W. Worley, G. W. Fickett, T. S. Watson, J. M. Platts, W. H. Edwards and J. Littleford; clerk, E. N. Suther.

Club's Reciprocity Day.

Woman's Club Entertains Guests From Neighboring Cities.

Elaborate Program Given Yesterday Afternoon—Many Prominent Club Officials Present From State Federation.

Prominent officials of the Illinois State Federation of Women's clubs, together with scores of delegates from neighboring organizations were guests of the Downers Grove Woman's club at its "reciprocity day" meeting yesterday afternoon. This occasion really the crowning event of the season's work of the club, when the visiting delegates discuss the results of their labors and gain knowledge from an exchange of ideas. It is also the closing meeting of the season with the exception of the annual meeting and election of officers which occurs Wednesday May 27th.

Yesterday the rooms were decorated with flowers in the club colors, red and white, together with palms and potted plants. President, Mrs. Geo. T. Hughes presided and introduced the visiting delegates and those who took part in the program. Miss Nellie Carpenter gave a piano solo, following which Miss Maurine Bayers delightfully entertained the guests with a reading. Miss Mary A. Wardworth of Oak Park, gave a short address on home duties and literature. Miss Mabel Messner sang a solo. Miss Anna Roe gave two piano solos.

Following the program the meeting was addressed by the visiting delegates on the different phases of club work reviewing the progress made during the year. Short talks were made by Mrs. E. C. Lambert of Jacksonville, vice-president at large of the state federation; Mrs. Frank L. Weech of Chicago, president of the Cook county league of women's clubs; Mrs. J. C. Heatter, chairman of the art exhibition committee of the state federation; Mrs. J. A. Frake, chairman of the state legislative committee; Mrs. M. Goodwin of Naperville, member of the essential committee of the state federation; Mrs. J. C. Phillips of the Chicago Culture club; Mrs. Matthew Burton of Aurora, chairman of the Kane county federation, and Mrs. M. M. Franklin, secretary of the Joliet federation. A letter of greeting to the club women of the eleventh district was read from Mrs. Otto Matz, ex-president of the Chicago Woman's club.

Following the address refreshments were served by the home committee. Delegates were present from Elgin, Hinckley, Aurora, Batavia, Millard avenue, Naperville, Berwyn, Clyde, Riverside, LaGrange and Wheaton.

LOTUS CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT.

We are informed that the Lotus club is to favor us with a concert on the evening of May 20. The program is to be patriotic in its nature and we understand that Naper Post is to attend in a body—a pleasing close for Decoration day. The gentlemen of the Lotus club are sparing neither effort nor expense to make this entertainment just what they believe their friends would like it to be. Miss Gertrude Chambers will preside at the piano. The names of J. R. King as soloist and B. L. Kellogg as reader carry with them the thoughts of something worth going to hear. These gentlemen assure us that on all former occasions they have surpassed all former efforts in their part. A concert soloist is to be imported for the evening. Program and further data will appear in subsequent numbers of the Reporter.

DUNN BOY STRUCK BY TRAIN.

The eleven-year-old son of Daniel Dunn was struck and seriously injured by the west bound pig car yesterday morning. The boy was standing on the north track watching an east bound freight. Meanwhile the other train here down upon him unnoticed until he barely had time to spring from the track. He jumped being struck by the engine but did not jump sufficiently far to clear the steps of the coach which struck him as the train sped past. He was picked up and carried to his home bruised and bleeding. Dr. W. A. Tope was called and found him suffering with a badly broken thigh and other serious bruises. While severely injured the boy will recover.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds regular Sunday services at the Masonic hall at 10:45. Subject for May 17th, "Soul and Body." Sunday school for the children at noon. This church holds regular Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 p. m. in Masonic hall. Reading room for the benefit of the public open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at 108 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

GUARDS VERSUS WANDERERS.

Guards vs. Wanderers is the climax of the Auditorium next Tuesday evening. Much fun, mirth and amusement is in store for lovers of indoor ball, as the Guards will make a vigorous effort to regain the honor which unsparingly departed from them at the previous game. The Wanderers will also make a double effort to regain the favor won on the indoor diamond short time ago. If you enjoy a time, attend.