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Toasts Extol Washington

Washington's Birthday is Celebrated by Orators and Feast.

Sixth Annual Patriotic Banquet Under the Direction of the M. E. Church Pays Honor to the Memory of Washington.

Patriotism was the dominant theme of the various toasts responded to at the sixth annual Washington banquet Monday 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. Four 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. On the stage pictures of George and Martha Washington were draped with bunting. Flags and bunting formed features of the decorative scheme.

The banquet opened with an invocation by Rev. J. D. Smith 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. Hood, pastor of the church, presided as toastmaster, 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. H. Booth Hazen, followed by a vocal solo, "To the Front," by W. W. Peter.

Miss Elizabeth Marsh responded to the first toast, "The Day and the Woman." Miss Marsh spoke of the significance of Washington's birthday and declared it second only in importance to our national birthday. "We are here," she said, "to burn incense upon the altars of patriotism. To contemplate the men and principles of 'Old America' whose horizon circled broader views than individual interest, and who in toil, pain and privation laid deep and strong and wide those mighty foundations upon which have been reared this great republic. My notion is that not the least among the influences that are making this nation great today are just women, not especially clamorous for recognition, going quietly on their way, busy and happy with the duties of home and children, if these blessings are theirs, bravely and cheerfully performing their tasks in the great workaday world. If their lot is cast, but above all outward circumstances, cultured, womanly women, interested in their country's welfare, for to woman has no other country than so kind. There are the men behind the guns, to be sure, but behind every man of them a woman."

Praise for the loyal army in the civil war was given by Colonel G. W. Bentley who spoke on "The Men of '61-'65." Himself a veteran soldier, who gave a limb as the price of his valor, he lauded the patriots of that period who gave their best thoughts, best efforts and lives that the country might live. After a recitation of the causes leading up to the war he said patriotism was at zero in 1860. The guns of Fort Sumter awoke the patriotism of loyal men, and welded them into an invincible army, which fought the greatest battles in history. Gettysburg was declared a greater victory than Waterloo. He compared Keenan's charge at Chancellorsville with the "charge of the 600" at Balaklava, and said history showed no greater loyalty or bravery than displayed by the 300 men participating in Keenan's charge—when every man was killed. Modern patriots, he said, have present dangers just as severe to contend with: Socialism and the array of class against capital. He declared the only remedy lay in the love of Christ and loyalty to law and order by men with free and untrammelled consciences. While not a Roman churchman he stated his opinion that the Catholic church had done more than any other agency in holding back socialism.

In his response to the toast "Strenuous Statesmanship," Rev. Truman E. Green introduced his remarks with

reminders of the inauguration of the annual banquet now a feature of Downers Grove's social life. He defined a strenuous statesman as a man who meets a crisis and conquers it. Such a man must have verile thought, be aggressive but have intelligibility. Must possess energy wisely directed. Statesmen must rise, he said, above the station of politicians. Washington was lauded as the ideal type of a true statesman. He spoke of Cleveland's position in the Venezuela boundary dispute as an act of statesmanship, and praised the action of President Roosevelt as an example of strenuousness, in stepping into the Pennsylvania coal strike as an arbiter between labor and capital. Secretary Hay's message to the powers, he said, bore the ring of Christian statesmanship and gave promise of the preservation of the integrity of China. In closing he said: "God grant the time may come when men with backbone and without the fancy title of colonel will become candidates for office and that men of brains like 'Joe' Fifer, with no pocket books of 'fathers' back of them may be induced to run for office in the great state of Illinois."

J. W. Hughes in his response to the toast "The Patriotism of Business Men," declared that while all business men are patriots the nature of their position in the affairs of life was such that the fact was not demonstrated to such a degree as in other walks of life. He recalled acts of patriotism performed by business men in the history of the nation and cited John Hancock, as a type. The modern business man, he said, does not take enough interest in politics, and he deplored the state of affairs when professional politicians and grafters control the primaries and conventions simply because business men fail to give politics the attention it deserves. Business men were admonished to head movements for public improvements as a means of showing their patriotism.

Rev. Earnest Wray Oneal of Aurora had the closing toast of the evening. He spoke on the subject "Washington." Rev. Oneal analyzed the character and achievements of Washington as revealed in his public and private life and drew his conclusions from these events.

He spoke of him as the greatest patriot of the nation and said his spirit still ruled and set an example to the present generation. "People no adays," he said, "are searching the records for ancestors of an aristocratic mould. But what is needed is less descent and more ascent. Nothing great ever began great. People will continue to sing the praises of Grant the poor tanner, and Lincoln the poor rail splitter, and of Washington, great only in achievement and royalty of character. Men are kings by virtue of what is in their heads and breasts. Washington needed no aristocratic ancestors. His remarkable power lay in his character. He was not brilliant as a learned man but possessed an untarnished character, was unselfish and radiant in all virtues which make men great." Mr. Oneal dwelt at length on patriotism and said he wanted Americans for America. Not that he would restrict immigration but that all who came here should transplant their patriotism also and become Americans; not German-Americans, or Irish-Americans, but loyal patriotic Americans, willing to do and die for their adopted country. "If you love any other country," he said, "better than America, you belong there and should go back. We want only Americans." He closed with the eulogy of Washington: "first in war; first in peace; first in the hearts of his countrymen."

During the evening Miss Villomona Harter gave a piano solo and W. W. Peter sang several patriotic selections. Mrs. Mary Ewing of Chicago gave two readings. At the close of the program the audience arose and sang America after which Rev. T. R. Greene pronounced a benediction.

SCIENTIST'S LECTURE.

The public is cordially invited to attend a lecture on Christian science by Carol Norton, C. S. D., of New York, at the Auditorium in Downers Grove, Friday evening, Feb. 26, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Norton is a member of the board of lecturership of the First Church of Christ, Science, in Boston. The lecture will be under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Downers Grove. Admission free.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given of the twelfth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Downers Grove, Ill., to be held Saturday, March 12, 1904, 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. V. SIMONSON, Secretary.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Weohrel Cigar. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page.

Wm. Barber is confined to the house with the grip.

Wanted—Woman to do family washing. Enquire at this office.

All the Schindler children who were ill of diphtheria have recovered.

Mrs. John Davis spent last week with Mrs. Fred Collier at Berwyn.

Mrs. A. J. Gray spent a few days with her husband at Savannah the past week.

Mrs. W. H. Radell visited her daughter, Miss Mabel at Mt. Carmel over Sunday.

Miss Mabel Rutherford will entertain a small party of friends at cards tonight.

Mrs. M. Oats of Chicago is spending the week with Mrs. E. S. Puffer at Oak Knoll farm.

Wanted—For six months, from May 1; small furnished modern house; answer box 433.

Mrs. Irving G. Heartt has been seriously ill the past week but is now somewhat improved.

Rev. Truman E. Green and family of West Pullman were guests of friends in Downers Grove this week.

Mrs. M. H. Bates was called to Palestine, last week by the sickness of her relative, Rev. D. J. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wimmer of Chicago, formerly of our village, are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cole have been in Downers the past week owing to the continued illness of her father, John Stanley.

Messrs. and Mesdames G. B. Heartt, Frank Gregory and Harry Gregory and family were guests of Wm. Reader, at Case, Tuesday.

Wanted to Rent—Modern house of about 9 rooms, having barn, outhouses and garden. Address P. O. Box 181 Downers Grove.

Collector Buschman is busy gathering in taxes. Owing to the late date in getting the tax books this year the time is limited for collectors.

We thank J. R. King and members of the Lotus Dramatic club for the use of the parlor scene in the entertainment given Feb. 20. We also thank Mr. King for his personal assistance on the stage. MR. AND MRS. O'NEIL.

Baptist church services Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The music of the evening service will be in charge of the Lotus club. The pastor will speak upon the subject of "Personal Identification." The seats are free and you are welcome.

The board of supervisors held a meeting at Wheaton last Tuesday. The supervisors are planning a meeting of the old soldiers of the county on the afternoon of Saturday, March 12, for the purpose of inspecting the memorial tablets now in position in the corridors of the court house.

Invitations were issued last week for a mid-winter dance to be given at Carpenter's hall next Saturday evening, Feb. 27. Several features are promised to make the party somewhat out of the ordinary and a good time is assured those who attend. Music will be furnished by the Ideal orchestra.

St. Andrews Episcopal church will be consecrated on Sunday, Feb. 28. The Rev. C. D. Anderson, bishop co-adjutor of the Diocese of Chicago, officiating. The consecration will take place at 10:30 after which there will be a sermon by the bishop and a celebration of the Holy communion. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Rathbone Sisters' leap year party given at their hall last Thursday evening was attended by about 30 couples and a jolly time resulted. A program of 15 dances was given to music furnished by the Ideal orchestra. The ladies, of course, had charge of all arrangements and gave the gentlemen pointers on gallantry and how to conduct a party successfully.

I don't know this to be a fact, but if it is, he was a pretty wise farmer after all. It is said that a prominent farmer residing north, east, south or west of the city was about to mail a letter recently in which he enclosed quite a sum of money, but happened to glance at it just before dropping it into the box, and saw that he had neglected to address it. More out of curiosity than anything else, he opened the letter and was further surprised to notice that he had failed to sign his name. After making the necessary additions to his letter he went straightway to a printing office and ordered 500 envelopes, saying that he was going to run no risk in having his mail go to the dead letter office.

National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtis & Heartt's. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Whitney Friday, Feb. 19.

Miss Anna Wetten of Chicago visited friends here over Sunday.

Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday during lent at Klein's.

The little daughter of G. H. Hendrickson is ill of scarlet fever.

Monday being a legal holiday, the bank, postoffice and schools were closed.

Miss Crippen of Evanston was the guest of Mrs. L. B. Waples over Sunday.

Repairs on the Mikoleit house, recently damaged by fire, are rapidly nearing completion.

Several young ladies are planning for a leap year dance to be given early next month.

Mrs. Frederick A. Dawes entertained a party of ladies Friday afternoon at progressive pit.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Foster are the happy parents of a baby boy, who arrived last Thursday.

Mrs. E. J. Miller is attending the state convention of the Ladies of the Maccabees this week.

Miss Annie Hogue who has been visiting at her uncle, J. W. Nash, left Monday for her home in Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Lott of Geneva were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Heartt this week.

E. J. W. Dietz returned Saturday from a business trip in the south for White's Class Advertising company.

W. H. Radell left Thursday for Berryville, Arkansas, where he will spend a month looking after his business interests.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Library association will be held with Mrs. D. G. Graham next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Wm. Straube left Tuesday for New Orleans from which port he will sail Friday for Mexico to spend some time on his coffee plantation.

Mrs. E. J. Miller was the guest at luncheon, of Lillian M. Hollister, supreme commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the world, at the Palmer House, Tuesday.

Maple City Self-washing soap contains no resin, wood fibre, or other adulterations so common to laundry soaps. Those who follow instructions escape all useless drudgery at the wash-board.

Mrs. M. K. Crecy has a curiosity for this climate in a small orange tree, or rather bush, which has borne no less than four perfectly developed oranges this winter. The bush is about 18 inches high and grows in a large flower pot.

A Missouri editor is said to have recently worked a scheme on his delinquent subscribers. "All my subscribers but one have paid up in advance," he wrote, and about a hundred, ashamed to be the only one, dropped in and settled up.

Farmers are already looking forward to the possibility of a lack of available farm hands. The shortage is largely due to the spread of interurban railroads and the accompanying work of construction, enabling the farm hand to be more independent. Large numbers of sons of farmers and the men who usually work on the farm are found in the gangs of section men.

The Woman's club program was devoted to George Elliott at the meeting yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Allie L. White read a biographical sketch of the author's life, which was followed by a discussion of her works led by Mrs. Hattie M. Hughes. Music was furnished by Mrs. J. L. Lipsey. Mrs. Armstrong of the West End Woman's club and Mrs. Harriett G. Winslow of Chicago were guests of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Straube usually spend the winters in the south. This year, for the first time in several years, their hospitable home has been open to their friends. Last Friday evening they entertained a party of thirty ladies and gentlemen at progressive club. Seven tables accommodated the players and a pleasant evening resulted. The prizes consisting of a dainty feather fan and a china pen, tray were won by Mrs. George Berry and Harry M. Bateman. During the evening refreshments were served. Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames C. V. Carpenter, George R. Smith, G. H. Bunge, W. S. Waples, L. B. Waples, J. W. Hughes, Hugh M. White. Mesdames Berry, E. J. W. Dietz, W. H. Radell, Misses Pearl Bonifant, Grace Peck, Crippen, Mabel Rutherford; Messrs. Harry M. Bateman, Dr. W. C. Sawyer, M. King Bush.

FRANK D. LERCH DIES AT PASADENA.

Former Naperville Boy Succumbs to Malaria—Well and Favorably Known.

Frank D. Lerch died February 18, at his home, 508 South Los Robles avenue; Mr. Lerch was born at Circleville, O., June 28, 1878. Six years later his parents settled at Naperville, and in the public schools of that city he secured a practical business education. He early entered the employ of the German-American insurance company in Chicago, where his faithful service won for him the abiding friendship of the manager, Judge Cary.

Failing health forced the young man to abandon an office career in a great city and he sought the mild climate of California, coming to Pasadena about seven years ago. Mr. Lerch has for the six years past represented in our midst the interests of the American Woolen Mills, Chicago, and by good business methods, and by the strictest integrity, built up no small custom for his employers.

July 9, 1903, Mr. Lerch was married to Marie M. Schwartz of Naperville. Of the splendid struggle Mr. Lerch has made to overcome disease, and of the manly courage with which he met his end, none but his family and nearest friends can know.

Every preparation had been made for death, and remembrance with loving messages were sent to absent friends—particularly "the true friends of father."

Frankness, energy and courage stamped all his acts. In his early death a young man of good business ability and sterling character is lost.

Mr. Lerch leaves a widow, his mother, two brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss, while many friends regret the brevity of his stay.—Pasadena (Cal.) News.

GAVE A PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given by the O'Neil Sketch club at the Auditorium Saturday evening was a delightful season of humor for Downers Grove's amusement loving people. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil were at their best and gave a decidedly pleasing rendition of several comedies, as well as the one act drama, "Yellow Roses." In addition Mrs. O'Neil gave several clever readings and Mr. O'Neil's "Potpourri" gave him a vehicle for exploiting a number of local hits in the character of Rose O'Shaughnessy, the Hired Lady. It was an artistic, refined and altogether enjoyable entertainment and fully equal to the high standard of previous entertainments in the course. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil are first class artists in their profession. Miss Granger, as singer, has a voice of sweetness and thorough cultivation and an earnest impressive manner, delightfully attractive. Miss Nellie Carpenter's beautifully rendered selections on the piano won high appreciation and comments on her musical proficiency.

A GREAT SPORTING NEWS JOURNAL.

The illustrated special sporting section of the Sunday Chicago Record-Herald thoroughly deserves the attention of every one interested in sporting news. It is always beautifully illustrated and embraces four full pages, covering with a thoroughness that satisfies to the utmost the whole realm of sports. Base ball news, racing news, bowling news, cycling news, pugilistic news, golf news, yachting news—all the sporting news is given with the greatest degree of fullness and interest. The sporting page of the daily issues is also exceptionally popular—a self-evident fact to those who have noted the general vogue of the Record-Herald among sporting men.

WARNING FROM HEALTH BUREAU.

Of the 661 deaths reported last week by the Chicago health department 175 were from pneumonia, while 37 were from cases of bronchitis and influenza. The weekly health bulletin gives this advice: "When a person is ill with influenza it is better not to visit him, or, if a visit is imperative, it is advisable to avoid unnecessary contact. After the interview the hands should be thoroughly washed in an antiseptic solution and the outer garments should be aired by being exposed to a current of fresh air, or better still, to the direct rays of the sun. Don't fool with the grip, but go to bed and send for the doctor."

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, township collector of Downers Grove township, will be at W. H. Barnhart's office in Downers Grove on Mondays and Tuesdays in each week, and at James McClintock's office in Hinsdale on Fridays and Saturdays in each week for the collection of taxes. Personal property taxes must be paid before March 1, or collection will be made by distress.

CONRAD BUCHMAN, Collector.

Jurors for Circuit Court

Naperville Petitions for Free Delivery Service for Mail.

Youthful Burglers Robbed the Greening Bank—Arrested Murderer to be Tried Monday—Neighboring News from Cook County.

The following is a list of petit jurors drawn for the March term of the DuPage county circuit court. As will be seen from the list the town of Naperville is represented. This thing might happen in any town in the county, but it is exceedingly rare; Addison—E. H. Lake, Hinsdale—Ang. Giesfeldt, Ang. Giesfeldt, Aug. Haberstock, John Lee, Wm. Engeling, Obarion Lee, Wm. Nelson Benjamin, Frank Field, J. Thompson, M. J. Wartin, Milton Adams, M. J. Butterfield, E. A. Wm. Newell, York—John Kappas, Emile Korhstadt, Herman Overkamp, Fred Range Jr., Lorenz P. Wolf Jr., Fred Buschman, Charles Engel, Downers Grove—Frederick M. Harkin, Harry Mann, D. M. Skinner, E. H. Wolf, Geo. W. Glenn, Frank Laasy, L. E. Stanley, Fred Moebel, Albert Smart, Lisle—Edward Beckman, George Lappert, David Mayer. The jury is to report for duty Monday, March 14. Court convenes Monday, March 7, and the first week will be given to routine work and the grand jury, a list of which has been heretofore published.

Rural mail carriers may get a raise in salary. The house committee on postoffices will make a favorable report on the proposition to increase the salaries of rural carriers. The exact amount has not yet been agreed upon but it is probable that salaries will be fixed at \$700 a year, an increase of \$100. The committee will not consent to a higher figure, and there is a probability that an increase of only \$60 a year will be granted. With an increase of \$100 a year added to the carriers' salaries, it is estimated that \$2,000,000 a year will be added to the cost of rural free delivery, making a total for the coming year of \$22,000,000.

Naperville is working for free delivery mail service. Postal laws and regulations provide that letter carriers shall be employed for the free delivery of mail matter as frequently as the public business may require, at every independent city where the population is 75,000 or the revenue of the postoffice is \$10,000. The Naperville postoffice produced a gross revenue last year of \$10,800, which entitles them to the free delivery service. Application for the service has been made by the postmaster and citizens joining in a petition, which has been presented to the first assistant postmaster general for his approval.

Rev. Edward Wright Adams was killed by a fall on an icy walk in Aurora Monday evening, dying at the home of Miss George Smith, 308 Galea street, where he was taken. Death was caused by concussion of the brain, the advanced age of the minister being against him. He was rendered unconscious by the fall and never regained it.

H. H. Goodrich, attorney for appellants in the matter of the special assessment of the city of Naperville, for water mains, hydrants, valves, etc., filed his brief and argument in the supreme court of Illinois last week to the February term. It contains fifty pages, answering the objections filed in the court below by the appellants.

It is very likely that Judge Bishop will preside at the trial of Van Fleet, the Aurora wife murderer, which trial will come up at the Kane county circuit court, Monday, Feb. 29. The attorneys for Van Fleet are opposed to Judge Willis hearing the case as he secured Van Fleet's indictment after being freed by one grand jury.

Owing to the fact that William Shultz failed to qualify within the eight days prescribed by statute after being notified that his tax books were ready, the Winfield township board declared the office vacant and appointed Charles Mack as collector. M. Mack filed his bond and is now busy getting ready to receive taxes.

Last Saturday afternoon the West Granddale depot was robbed of \$4 in cash and 25 tickets. By the sale of the railroad tickets for 50 cents apiece the thieves were apprehended and proved to be four West Granddale boys, the oldest only 18 years of age. They will be sent to the reform school.

At the Farmers' Institute held at Wheaton last week, Hinsdale secured the first prize of \$5 for the best quality of high school work exhibited. Miss Emily Melcher won a second prize of \$5 for the best map of Illinois. She occupied all the pupils of DuPage county.

The cup given by the Farmers' Institute for the best attendance at the separate townships was won by Hinsdale and the best attendance at the separate townships was won by Hinsdale.