

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR.

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Nine Pupils to Graduate

Annual Commencement Exercises to Be Held Friday, June 3.

Baccalaureate Sermon to Be Delivered by O. A. Searles Next Sunday Evening—Program of the Week.

The twenty-second annual commencement exercises of the Downers Grove high school will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church next week Friday evening, June 3, at 8 o'clock.

Nine pupils have finished the course and will graduate at that time. They are, from the four year course, Jr. Searles, who has already had the baccalaureate address.

The baccalaureate address will be delivered by Supt. O. M. Searles at the Methodist church next Sunday evening, May 29. His subject will be "A Block of Granite." The service will be a union meeting in which all the churches will unite. Music will be furnished by a quartet composed of Misses Nellie Carpenter and Martha Downer, Edwin Pridham and Arthur Hughes, together with the combined choirs of the churches.

Following the custom established last year the usual orations and essays will be omitted and instead an address will be delivered on Commencement night by Dr. W. A. College of Aurora. Supt. R. T. Morgan of Wheaton will also speak. Hanson's orchestra will furnish the music for the evening. The program is as follows:

March—"By Right of Sword"..... Orchestra
Invocation..... Rev. H. Booth Hazen
Selection from Faust..... Orchestra
Address—"The Magic Skin"..... Dr. W. A. College
Overture—"Bridal Rose"..... Orchestra
Suggestions..... Prof. R. T. Morgan, Co. Supt.
Presentation of Diplomas..... Pres. D. G. Graham
Selection from "Martha"..... Flotow
Hymn..... Rev. Charles Reynolds
Festival March..... Orchestra

Preparing for the commencement and the close of the year the schools will be a busy place during the next week. Tests are being made in all the grades and the teachers and pupils alike are covered with work. In addition to the school work proper, several social functions will occupy the attention of the high school students. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Searles will give a reception to the junior and senior class at their home on Lyman avenue. Thursday evening the junior will give a reception to the seniors.

DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION

According to the plans outlined the congressional convention originally fixed for Thursday, May 12, at Aurora, was called to order by Henry T. Rockwell at 11 o'clock on that day. There were few present. M. G. E. Plain of Aurora was made temporary chairman and Solisburg of the same city temporary secretary. The convention then adjourned until Thursday, May 19, at 11 o'clock. This action was made necessary by the unexpected prolonged session of the state convention at Springfield.

Howard Snapp of Joliet was nominated by acclamation to succeed himself in congress. George W. Eldridge of Richmond was nominated for member of the state board of equalization to succeed Capt. T. S. Rogers. C. H. Smith and Judge George W. Brown were selected as delegates to the national convention and H. T. Rockwell and W. D. Hall as alternates. H. F. Pieperbrink was named for the presidential elector. The following were named as the congressional committee: L. A. Constantine, Aurora; T. M. Hull, Wheaton; A. H. Spicer, Joliet, and Judge Donnelly, Woodstock.

The following gentlemen were representatives of DuPage county at the convention: G. W. Pickering, John Gardner, P. T. Tiedemann, J. W. Rogers, W. B. Carleton, George W. Brown, Amos Churchill, J. H. Creager, Wm. Graue, Milton Crampton, O. H. Givler, J. A. Bell, A. I. Martin and J. T. Hofsford.

MUST PAY ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

The pastors or boards of trustees have paid this year for the first time taxes on the parsonages owned by the different church societies in this village. Under the new state law no property owned by church organizations is exempt from taxation, excepting that which includes the edifice and grounds nearing that used exclusively for purposes of worship. The immediate cause for the passage of this law was the ownership in Chicago of down-town property used for business purposes. Some of the church societies of the country have vast sums invested for income return and many in varying amounts, and as it would be extremely difficult to draw the lines a sweeping provision was introduced into the law.

STALWART CLUB BANQUET.

First Annual Function of Young Men's Club Held Monday Evening.

The first annual banquet of the Stalwart club occurred in the old club rooms in the Oldfield building on Monday evening last. A most interesting and entertaining program had been prepared and apparently was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. John N. Hall of the First M. E. church of Oak Park. The following is the program as rendered:

Rev. H. H. Rood
Invocation..... Ralph Herring
Vocal Solo..... Geo. R. Cross
Toast—"Question"..... W. M. Lawson
Impersonation..... J. P. Lipsey
Violin Solo..... J. P. Lipsey
Toast—"Literature and Life"..... Rev. J. N. Hall
Reading..... Mrs. O. M. Searles
Piano Solo..... Miss Annie Rose
Toast—"How to Hit It"..... Chas. Kriess
Instrumental Solo..... Miss Grace Stover
Toast—"Omissions"..... Mrs. J. P. Lipsey
Toast..... F. M. Lucore
Toastmaster..... R. E. Bateman

Perhaps all in our village may not know of the organization called the Stalwart club and it might be well to state that it is a young men's club and is affiliated with the young men's bible class of the Methodist Sunday school taught by Geo. R. Cross. Members of this class are considered members of the club but membership in the club is not at all restricted in this regard. The prime object of the club is the providing of good social diversion occasionally and the increasing of good fellowship among its members. One meeting is regularly held each month. The present officers of the club are as follows: President, R. E. Bateman; vice president, D. Richards; secretary and treasurer, Chas. Kriess; social committee Paul Herring; athletic committee, Harry Bryce. Any young man in the village who has not yet joined an organization of this kind will be gladly accorded membership by writing the secretary or being present in the bible class any Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET.

The annual high school athletic meet will take place Saturday, May 28, at the north side lake. The track will be in fine condition and D. G. H. S. will have a fine show to win this meet, which will be between Hinsdale, LaGrange and Downers. Good seats will be ready and there will be ice cream, peanuts, lemonade and pop for sale at the booth. Programs and score cards will be sold for a nickle to help defray expenses. The events and order of running are as follows: 100 yard dash, 1st heat and pole vault; 200 yard dash and 12 pound hammer throw; 100 yard dash, 2d heat; 200 yard, low hurdles, 1st, 2d and 3d heats; 400 yard dash and shot put; 100 yard dash, final; 880 yard run; 200, low hurdles and running high jump; 1 mile run and running broad jump. Everyone interested in the high school or athletics is invited to come. D. G. H. S. colors are purple and gold. The officers are as follows: Prof. Searles, referee; E. M. Dunn, Fred Patonay, Ed Dawson field judges; Bert Davies, starter; Edward Giddings, clerk and announcer; W. Lempe, Fred Mertz, timers; E. S. Pridham, Spenser Palmer, judges. Greenville Pridham, chairman Athletic Meet.

CASS ITEMS.

Ray Cramer, Misses Pearl DeGroot, Parker, John Bruce, John Heartt and Miss Grace Stover attended services at Cass Sunday. Fred Dallner, who injured his leg at the gravel pit last week, is now able to get around on crutches. Wm. Schultz, who injured his hand and for whom blood poisoning was feared, is now improved. Mrs. Michael Welch and son, Arthur, and two grandchildren had an exciting time with a horse, which became frightened at an automobile last Sunday morning, breaking the harness and buggy. This particular "devil wagon" travels the Chicago and Joliet road frequently. It is painted a bright yellow and called by the farmers the "yellow jacket." For fast and reckless running this auto beats them all. Women and children hesitate about driving out Sunday for fear of these fast vehicles. Farmers insure with the Farmers' and get the new tornado, fire and lightning policy, and have full protection at the lowest rates. Mr. and Mrs. James Craigmile of Yorkville spent Sunday in Cass. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shepard and family of Lockport spent Sunday with relatives in Cass.

Henry Dinkler died at his home on Prince avenue, Wednesday, May 19, from cancer, after an illness extending over several years. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. Chas. Reynolds, were held Friday afternoon and burial made in the West cemetery. Mr. Dinkler had lived in the village about two years and was 62 years old. He was a member of the Foresters. A widow and two children survive him.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Woehrel Cigar.
White Rose gasoline, Nash's.
Additional local news on fifth page.
Wigglestick laundry blue at Gerwig's.
P. A. Thompson has moved to East Grove from Chicago.

Dan J. Miley left Saturday for a few weeks' visit at Omaha.

Harry M. Bateman left yesterday for a trip through Indiana.

My office will be closed from May 31 until June 1. Dr. W. C. Barber.

John Fairweather and daughter Fern are in Colorado Springs this week.

R. M. Heavenor attended the annual reunion of the Thirtieth Illinois at Dixon.

Representative Charles T. Cherry from the Kane-Kendall district was in town a few hours Monday.

Mrs. Mattie Platts and family wish to thank their friends for their many acts of kindness during their recent bereavement.

Mrs. M. E. Stanger accompanied by her father, H. E. Colville, left Saturday for a two weeks' visit at Mishawaka, Ind.

O. J. Hemphill and daughter Edna left Friday for Bellows Falls, Vt., where Mr. Hemphill was called by the wife by the serious illness of his mother.

Edward Nolan of Chicago visited his sister Miss Kate Nolan last week. He was greatly pleased with the improvements being made in Downers and may locate here.

Bloomington papers of last week contained the announcement of the engagement of Miss Elsie Patterson, formerly a teacher in the village, to Mr. Vernon Holder.

Mrs. J. C. White entertained a large party of ladies at cards last Friday afternoon at her home, 44 Saratoga avenue. Progressive euchre was played and the prize was won by Mrs. George R. Smith.

Call on Gollan & Wolf at Fuller's greenhouse for bedding plants. They have a nice assortment of geraniums, coleus, pansies, ageratums, verbenas and heliotropes; also vegetable plants by the dozen or hundred. Prices reasonable. Telephone 251.

Attorney M. Slusser made application in the county court Saturday for confirmation of the sanitary sewer assessment for Downers Grove. Judge Ruth appointed Frank J. Knight and George Thoma of Wheaton to act with President Mochel in spreading the assessment.

Contractor J. W. Morford is a very busy man this summer, having no less than four houses under construction. In addition to the J. W. Graves and E. H. Huntington residences, he has started work upon a cottage for Lee E. Singleton, on Summit street, and a large modern residence for Walter C. Lyman, on his farm just north of the village.

A stated communication of Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M. will be held Friday evening, May 27, for business and work. The lodge will also have the pleasure of entertaining the R. W. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the state of Mississippi. All members and visitors are urgently requested to be present. J. H. Griffith, secretary.

Gay L. Bush, one of the DuPage Co. delegates to the state convention, returned home Thursday night. He gives it as his opinion that the convention is in a hopeless deadlock and that neither of the three leading candidates can be nominated. The DuPage delegation, with the exception of Johnson of Glen Ellyn, has supported Lowden. Johnson voted for Yates.

The contagion of civic improvement is spreading. Like cleanliness, the constructive spirit is infectious. Even in the most remote residence districts the man with a stone or cement walk on each side of him will not be content with a board walk in front of his home. Even paint is contagious. Let a man paint his front steps or porch floor, and the smell of it pervades a whole street until the olfactory sensation results in muscular action and a score of paint brushes get busy on weather beaten structures.

The Northwestern college Glee club of Naperville will give a concert at the Auditorium on next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. A very interesting program is promised. It will consist of rousing songs by the club, good comic readings, a duet by Messrs. Griebenow and Eiert and several sections by the quartette, which delighted the audience at the May fete last Friday evening. Everyone should arrange to come; admission 25 cents, children 15 cents, reserved seats 35 cents. Secure your tickets now at the drug stores.

National Light oil at Nash's.
Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.
Best oil in town at Curtis & Heartt's.
Best baked goods at Rang's; always fresh.

Edgar Davis was over from Hinsdale Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson will move to the city June 1.

WANTED—At once; two first-class carpenters. Apply to J. W. Morford.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kellogg are the parents of an 8-pound son born Sunday.

Miss Belle Booth of Chicago was the guest of Miss Laura Hughes over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes entertain a few friends Tuesday evening at chinch.

J. M. Nargney expects to erect a \$2,800 residence on his East Maple avenue property this summer.

Mrs. John Seogel and Miss Lottie Karro of Chicago were guests of Mrs. William Fraenkel Tuesday.

LOST—Two umbrellas, both with curved wood handles; one with name plate. Finder please return to Rev. H. H. Rood.

A. F. Beidelman will entertain the members of the Odd Fellows lodge tonight on the anniversary of his birthday at his home on Rogers street.

H. E. Perrine has given up his position on the Burlington and expects to dispose of his interests here and locate in Ohio, where he will engage in business.

Mrs. W. H. Gollan of Los Angeles is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hoffer and other relatives. She will be joined by her husband here in July and they will visit the St. Louis fair.

John T. Oldfield was over from Hinsdale Tuesday calling on old friends. Mr. Oldfield has been ill for some time and this was his first visit for several weeks. We are glad to see him able to be out again.

W. H. Howard and wife of Meridian, Miss., were here this week visiting his cousin, R. D. Parker, and old friends in Downers Grove, while en route to Dixon to attend the annual reunion of the Thirtieth Illinois Infantry association.

Free sample to agent. Practical, ready call device for telephones. Saves brain work and hours of time. Sells itself; one sale sells dozens; seeing is believing; send stamp. The Telephone Appliance company, 1 Madison avenue, Dep. F. A. D., New York City.

Mrs. Harry I. Snyder who had been dangerously ill since the birth of her daughter two weeks ago, died at one o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral will be held at the house Friday afternoon at one o'clock. Obituary next week.

The republicans senatorial convention for the 41st district, composed of the counties of Will and DuPage, will be held at Joliet Saturday. Senator Richard Barr holds over. Representative Samuel Drew of Will and Representative Guy L. Bush of DuPage will be renominated.

The public hearing on the south side storm sewer improvement was held at the village hall Monday evening. Only a few of the property owners interested appeared and none of these made any objection. The board of improvements passed a resolution recommending the improvement. The ordinance ordering the sewers will come up for passage at the village board meeting tonight. The improvement will cost \$5,720.

The "Fresh Air Work" will be taken up with added zeal again this summer by Downers Grove people interested in this laudible enterprise. Rev. H. H. Rood, who is at the head of this good work, states that the plan to be worked under this year will differ slightly from years past in that instead of dividing the children brought out from the city in private homes, a house will be secured and furnished so that the youngsters will be kept together and loneliness for them obviated.

Union Memorial services will be held at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. H. Booth Hazen will deliver the address. Naper Post will hold its usual Decoration day services at Hinsdale in the morning and at Downers Grove in the afternoon on Monday. Grand Army men will speak in each of the schools tomorrow. As usual, the pupils will make contributions of flowers and it has been arranged that the flowers will be collected on Monday by the Grand Army men and distributed to the cemetery. This arrangement is in the hands of the committee on flag and flowers of the Grand Army Post.

ENTERTAIN WITH LEAP YEAR PARTY.

Young Matrons and Bachelor Maids Conduct Ball Saturday Evening.

The greatly anticipated leap year party, which for weeks has been the one theme of interest to the young matrons and bachelor maids of Downers Grove, is now a thing of the past. As a result the ladies who conceived the function covered themselves with glory and gave pleasure to as merry a party of ladies and gentlemen as ever graced a ball in the village. The affair was given at Carpenter's hall Saturday evening. The hall was decorated with wreaths, festoons and huge bouquets of spring flowers and the chandeliers were hung with branches of wild crab-apple blossoms, the lights being softened with shades of pink crepe paper. In the arrangements every detail had been provided for and there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the evening. Each gentleman was given a pink carnation for his button-hole and all he needed do was to accept the homage given by the ladies. They escorted the men to the hall and extended invitations to dance, and in every way conducted the party in a faultless manner. In the ante-rooms card tables were at the disposal of the guests and buffet refreshments of frappe and wafers were served during the evening. A program of 15 dances was given to music furnished by the Ideal orchestra. The general committee of arrangements was composed of Misses Grace Peck, Laura Hughes, Edith Earnest, Mabel Rutherford, Pearl Bonsteel, Madames W. H. Radell and Hugh M. White who are responsible for its inception and to whom credit for its success is due. Those attending were Messrs. Madames J. W. Hughes, W. H. Radell, A. F. Bordwell, Hugh M. White, R. J. Darnley, W. B. Waples, E. P. Ames, M. A. Sacksteder, Thos. Stevens, Jas. M. Burns, Jas. P. Mitchell, W. E. Farrar, Misses Grace Peck, Miller, Laura Hughes, Mabel Rutherford, Mabel Radell, Bessie and Ina Hall, Belle Booth, Grace Riel, Edith Earnest, Pearl Bonsteel, Kittie Wermuth, Mabel Hunt, Nellie Carpenter, Louise Stanley, Olive Mertz, Alice Meham, Messrs. M. K. Bush, G. R. Earnest, Holmes, W. C. Barber, Will Lempe, John Wermuth, Howard Fairweather, H. M. Bateman, L. E. Stanley, Howard P. Jones, Chas. Winsor, Louis E. Jones, Jack Cross.

ANNUAL FLAG DAY.
In accordance with its custom for the past seven years the American Flag association is sending out notices to the mayors of each American city, to the press, to the officers and members of all American patriotic societies, to all school officers and school teachers and the public generally, reminding them that Tuesday, June 14, 1904, will be the one hundred and twenty-seventh anniversary of the stars and stripes as the flag of the United States and asking their co-operation in securing the widest observance of flag day this year as a national anniversary. All that is asked is that all who can do so shall display the national colors on June 14 in recognition of the anniversary, but it is suggested that in addition special patriotic exercises be held in public and private schools appropriate to the day. The object of these exercises should be to teach the story of the flag, to explain what it represents and to have the young people pledge their loyalty and fealty to it.

CONGREGATIONAL FETE.
The annual May fete of the Congregational choir given at the Auditorium Friday evening was the most successful in point of attendance ever given by that organization. The principal features of the program were the violin solos of Chas. LaBerge whose playing was excellent. The choir gave an opening chorus. Miss Vera Heiny read several selections, and a male quartette from Naperville college was recalled several times. Miss Frances Hughes in her lullaby song "Blue Eyes; True Eyes," sang sweetly and exceptionally well. E. F. Ellert's vocal solo was well received, and the little duet by Ruth Hughes and Roy Haller caught the crowd. Twelve young girls dressed as Indian huntresses gave a pretty drill in an effective manner. The hall was decorated prettily with numerous booths where refreshments were sold. The choir cleared \$60 as a result of the entertainment.

STRAUBE PIANOS THE BEST.

Money cannot buy better pianos than are made right here in Downers Grove by the Straube Piano company. You can prove this yourself by calling at their factory and examining the instruments as they come direct from the hands of skilled workmen. The price is right too. No middlemen's profit—you get the goods direct from the manufacturer. John Olson will be glad to show the instruments to prospective purchasers at any time. Call on him today.

Death of William Platts

Succumbs Suddenly to Heart Disease After a Brief Illness.

Funeral Held Under the Direction of the Army Saturday and Interment Made at Hinsdale.

William Platts, for four years a resident of Downers Grove, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. Washburne, 185 East Maple street, Wednesday, May 18, aged 67 years. While his death was sudden it was unexpected. He had been ill with heart trouble for several years and fully realized his condition and was ready to meet the end. His condition became critical the week before his death and he gradually failed before the end came peacefully at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. At his bedside were his wife and daughter, who lovingly ministered to his wants.

The funeral was held from the home Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. H. H. Rood, assisted by Rev. E. S. Smith and Dr. Reynolds, conducted the services. Naper Post Grand Army of which he was a member, conducted the arrangements. Wrapped in the flag he loved he was borne to the Hinsdale cemetery, where the service for the dead was given by his Grand Army comrades.

William Platts was born at Hull, England, Dec. 26, 1836. When a lad he came to America with an uncle and resided at Davenport, Iowa. Here he met his future wife, Miss Mattie Hines, also a native of Hull, and they were married March 31, 1864. He enlisted in Co. B, 8th Iowa Infantry, in 1862, enlisting in 1864, and served with distinction until after the close of the war, being twice wounded at the battle of Shiloh. In 1869 he moved his family to Plankinton, S. Dak., where he resided for eight years, later living at Mitchell, S. Dak., and Sioux City and Lansing, Iowa, for several years before coming to Illinois. He was a prominent member of the Methodist church and various temperance organizations to which he gave earnest support.

Mr. Platts was a quiet, unassuming christian man, possessing a kindly disposition, and whose chief pleasure in life was to bring happiness and sunshine into the hearts of those about him. While for many years an invalid through it all he was cheerful and bore his life with a christian fortitude seldom witnessed. He lived a good life and died with a certainty of his reward.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

The temperature was low during the first half of the week, consequently vegetation made little growth. Toward the end of the week it became warmer, with much needed sunshine. Light frosts in the northern districts occurred on several dates, but little damage resulted. Precipitation was deficient in the northern portion, and the soil is beginning to show a lack of moisture. In the northern portion most of the week was showery, and farming operations were delayed. In the northern district most of the corn crop has been planted, but in the central and southern portion little progress was made with this work during the week. The condition of oats is good in the northern districts and fair in the central and southern; they are reported thin in the latter districts. Wheat continues to improve and it is beginning to head in the southern district. Rye is making good growth. Meadows and pastures made rapid growth the latter part of the week. Opinions as to the condition of fruit are conflicting, however, the outlook for apples is good; for cherries, pears and plums, fair; and for peaches, very poor. It is reported that there will be some peaches in a few localities. Strawberries are abundant and ripening rapidly. Gardens are growing slowly, as are potatoes; considerable planting has been done.

BURLINGTON JOINS FIGHT FOR PURE MILK.

Officers of the different railroads operating out of Chicago running milk trains have taken up the fight for pure milk. Yesterday the C. & N. W. railroad issued a notice printed on cardboard four feet square, to all milkshippers, warning the latter that they must comply with the Chicago ordinance regarding the sealing of milk and cream cans. After reciting the sealed can ordinance in full the notice stated: "Effective June 1, this railroad will refuse any can or cans of milk or cream for delivery in Chicago that have not been sealed by the shipper or shipper in accordance with the Chicago ordinance printed above."

MAKES A CLEAN SWEEP.

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the mops you ever saw of Dr. Buckler's Army Mop is the best. It sweeps away and dries up the dirt, grease, oil, and water. It's made of the best material and is the only mop that will stand up to the most severe use.