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## ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Congregational Church.

The annual meeting and banquet of the church was held in the church rooms on Monday evening, Dec. 30, 1907, at 6:30 p. m. The meeting opened with an informal reception for the new members, who have united with the church since the opening of the present pastorate in March, 1907. Then followed the banquet at which about 120 were served. Judge Stusser was the toastmaster of the evening, and very graciously and pleasantly fulfilled the heavy task that lay upon him. The reports of the various committees were read and approved. The officers for the ensuing year were elected and at about eleven o'clock in the evening the happiest and most profitable annual meeting held in the church for many years was brought to a close by the pronouncing of the benediction by Dr. Reynolds. The following are the reports of the various committees:

### Clerk's Report.

Since January 1st, 1907, fifteen members have been dismissed to other churches. Four have died, and thirty-two have united with the church. The total membership of the church now is 175.—Mrs. W. H. Blodgett, Clerk.

### Christian Endeavor Report.

The present membership of the society is 21 active and two associate, eighteen honorary, and five absent members.

Through our missionary committee the society has expended about \$70, which were equally divided between home and foreign work. A box of magazines was sent to Mr. Mason for his work among the lumber men. A mission study class of eleven has been formed and are studying the "Challenges of the City," by Josiah Strong.

The flower committee has sent four boxes of flowers to the Cook County hospital and distributed six bouquets to friends in the city.

The society entertained the conference of the Division C. E. Society, and about fifty-five sat down to dinner.

A new Junior C. K. Society organized within the year has a membership of 22 active members. It is under the splendid leadership of Miss Frances Hughes and Miss Marie Downer.—Mrs. Allingham, President.

### Ladies' Aid Society Report.

The membership is 47. The society held twenty-five meetings during the year, and did much systematic visitation among the new comers to the town. The society paid all expenses of the year, and has over \$100 in the treasury.—Mrs. Narramore, Secretary.

### Sunday School Report.

Total attendance for the year, 6,374; increase over last year, 1,124; total number enrolled, 250; number of organized classes, 18; number of teachers enrolled, 18; total attendance of visitors, 247; total receipts for the year, \$317.18; total expenditures for the year, \$310.00; balance on hand, \$6.58.—W. F. Heintz, Secretary.

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1907.

As the year 1907 has about passed into history, it becomes the duty of the trustees to again present to you their annual report. During 1907 they struggled against great obstacles, but 1907 found them somewhat like Napoleon at Waterloo, at the most critical moment of the battle he gave that historical order, "The Imperial Guard will advance." Like Napoleon's "Old Guard" this church has advanced in all its departments during the year. The subscribers have been faithful to their trust. The church books show 94 subscribers with amounts ranging from \$1.00 to \$20.00.

A pat on the back of the trustees at this time will be in harmony with this occasion. I believe when I say that they have worked hard and faithfully for the furtherance of the church's

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## A WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT DEAD.

The death of one of the best known and most respected citizens of this village occurred Sunday morning, January 5th, at 8:30 a. m., at Mercy hospital, Chicago. Mrs. Michel Heintz was taken ill a few weeks ago, and it was considered necessary by her attending physician that she be operated upon. The operation so far as we can learn, was successful, and the patient was recovering very quickly. In some way or another it appears she developed pneumonia, and after but a few days of suffering she succumbed to the disease.

The remains were taken on Monday afternoon to her home on Carpenter street, and the funeral services conducted on Tuesday at 1:30 p. m., from the home.

It was one of the largest and most representative gatherings seen for many years, and it shows the high esteem in which the deceased was held by rich and poor alike.

Rev. R. Allingham, assisted by Dr. Reynolds, officiated, and interment made in the family lot in the West Side cemetery.

## OBITUARY.

Olaf Eriksson was born in Sualand, Sweden, on October 31, 1854, and departed this life December 30, 1907, at his home in Downers Grove, after a lingering illness of over two years, in which time he suffered from paralysis and heart disease. He was married in Sualand, Sweden, to Miss Nellie Nelson on May 14, 1881. In the same year he came to Chicago with his bride, where he spent the first eleven years of his married life. Of this union five children were born, viz. Theodore, Ada (nee Mrs. C. H. Wells), Tekla, Jennie and Harold, all of whom are living and were present at the funeral. He came with his family to Downers Grove in 1892 and removed to Chicago twice on account of business relations, but returned again to Downers Grove, where he has made his home since 1901. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, an upright citizen and had the respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In early life he was identified as a communicant of the State Church of Sweden, but during his residence in the United States has been an attendant of the M. E. Church, of which his children are members.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. F. Farmiloe of the M. E. Church in the home on January 2, 1908. Music was rendered by Mr. C. K. Roe and his sister, Miss Anna. Many beautiful floral offerings surrounded the casket, the gifts of loving relatives and friends. The remains were interred at the west cemetery.

## ENTERTAINS NEWSBOYS.

A treat was given the local newsboys last Tuesday evening at the cozy home of their former employer, Graham A. Wyllie. Out of the staff of eight boys two were absent, which, during the first part of the evening, caused things to go rather slow. The boys soon forgot that their comrades were absent and felt entirely at home. Supper was served at 7:15, and the boys were called to take their places at the table, which was fairly covered with good things to eat. Each boy's place was marked with a very pretty hand-painted card with the boy's name inscribed on it.

After spending a full hour at the table (of course the boys were hungry, being past their regular supper hour), the evening was spent in talking over "old times." The boys present were George Schindler, Fred Schindler, Warren Wells, Edgar Henderson, Herbert Henderson and Leslie Henderson.

Mr. Wyllie says that they are the best lot of boys he ever saw.

"Everybody over here is talking about the Singer Building," said the enthusiastic New Yorker.

"And yet," rejoined the ingenious European, "some people will tell you that Americans are not sincere lovers of music."—Washington Star.

## Local Happenings

### 10 CORRESPONDENTS.

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- F. E. Brooks is on the sick list.
- Advertise in the Reporter and get results.
- Leave orders at Mertz & Mochel's for LaGrange Coke.
- J. W. Rogers has been at home sick the last few days.
- John Riel is steadily improving and hopes to be out soon.
- Rev. Farmiloe left for a trip to Rockford Thursday morning.
- The school board had its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening.
- The Penochle Club met at the home of Philip Wander last Saturday.
- COUNTY FAIR? COUNTY FAIR? COUNTY FAIR?
- H. D. Foster and family, of Omaha, are visiting in Downers Grove.
- M. A. Sacksteder is gaining very slowly and hopes to be able to sit up in a few days.
- Miss Marie Hodges, from Elliptine, Ill., has been visiting her uncle Charles Hodges.
- The German Evangelical Lutheran Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Selig Thursday afternoon.
- Mrs. G. Goodspeed left for Wisconsin last Monday, where she expects to make her future home.
- The board of local improvements held its regular monthly meeting at the village hall Monday evening.
- Buy a sack of Red Comb Poultry Food Mixture at \$1.00 per hundred pounds, at Mertz & Mochel's.

### PICK OUT YOUR VEGETABLES FOR THE COUNTY FAIR.

The Woman's Club had a tea at the home of Mrs. Lavery for the benefit of the domestic science fund.

Mrs. Horace Aldrich died at her home on Carpenter street Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Glass and daughter Beatrice, of Chicago, visited with her sisters, Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Staats, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Banning, president of the DuPage County Domestic Science Association, will speak before the Woman's Club next Wednesday.

Robt. Allen, of Burlington, Ia., who has been in Europe the past year, stopped on his way home and visited a few days with C. R. Hannum and mother.

Mrs. Chas. Hodges entertained Mrs. J. Koll and her daughters Mable and Minnie, and sons John and Paul, from Chicago on Sunday.

Have just received a car of Carter Washed Screenings and a car of Smokeless Egg Coal. Mertz & Mochel.

Chief Klein and President Woelfersheim, of the local fire department, will go to Morris next Tuesday as delegates to the Illinois State Firemen's Association convention.

Dr. Seegrosse, of Winona; W. E. Cook, of Western Springs; J. R. Elley, of La Grange; Charles DeWitt and Gus Quarrt, of Kewanee, were visitors at the poultry show Thursday.

—DON'T FORGET THE COUNTY FAIR: JANUARY 16, 1908.

The poultry show opened Thursday with as fine and large an assortment of poultry as any shown in the State outside of Chicago, and promises to be as successful as in other years.

Mrs. Bert White was taken to the Marion Sims hospital in Chicago Wednesday evening, where an abdominal operation was performed Thursday morning. The operation was successful and her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Engene Chamberlain, who has been a resident of Downers Grove for the last five years, loaded his household goods and stock in a car last week Friday and started for Brownsville, Tex., where he will engage in farming. Mrs. Chamberlain and Miss Rendall will follow next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers entertained a few of their intimate friends on the fifty-first anniversary of their wedding, Jan. 1st. Inspector Anson Backus and wife, of Chicago; Dr. and Mrs. Gouley, Dr. and Mrs. Bebb, Capt. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lemon, Mr. and Mrs. Monteer. After an elegant contrée dinner was served at the Grove Hotel; they adjourned to the residence of J. W. Rogers, where, after spending a pleasant afternoon and evening the company broke up at a late hour.

—DON'T FORGET THE COUNTY FAIR AT THE AUDITORIUM, JANUARY 16.

There is more genius floating around than there is plain common sense.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS.

Dad Walters, who is never happy unless he is promoting some bowling match or tournament, is in his element, having succeeded in making up four teams of four men each, who are to bowl nine games, making three games with each other team, total number of games won to decide the winner. He has used a unique system of making up his teams, taking the 8's for one, the 1's for another, W. B. for another and the odds and ends. We only hope Dad will not get lumbago or congestion of the lungs while the tournament is running, as it would detract materially from the interest of the game to miss Dad's rooting and his well-known "Well, well well! there she goes!" when Dickie throws some of his yewwines down the alley. The following is the result of the first three games:

Odds and Ends—Henry Wolfersheim, 164, 135, 141; Louis Klein, 123, 132, 134; Philip Vix, 150, 149, 166; J. Reha, 139, 148, 114.

The B. W.—Dad Walters, 147, 135, 135; J. Heidemann, 121, 156, 159; Bert White, 92, 182, 156; B. Humling, 182, 171, 162.

The B. W. winning two out of three games.

Miss Bertha Mochel won the first prize, \$2.50, for high score in December, 1903. Abe Duman won the prize of \$5.00 with a score of 230.

## LODGE NOTES.

Deputy Dixon, of Grand Crossing Council, installed the following officers of Victory Council, No. 110, for 1908, Tuesday evening, January 7: Ernest Dawson, archon; George Klein, vice archon; C. H. Staats, past archon; Joe Clampitt, scribe; John Gallon, collector; J. B. Halling, treasurer; John Modaff, guide; Henry Leggenhausen, orator; Geo. Lappe, prelate; George Schindler, warden; Christ Heintz, secretary.

The local deputy is W. H. Barnhart, who will be pleased to have an interview with anybody who would like to place his dependents under the protection of about a million of our best American citizens.

Deputy Grand Chancellor N. Jefferson with the assistance of Grand Master at Arms F. T. Kramps and a squad of eight men of the uniform rank, installed the following officers of Maple Grove Lodge, No. 520, K. P., Wednesday evening: F. L. Mertz, chancellor; C. R. Hannum, vice chancellor; B. C. Downs, prelate; B. Roth, master of work; W. F. Leggenhausen, keeper of records and seal; J. N. Modaff, master of finance; W. M. Gouley, master of exchequer; E. Woods, master at arms; W. H. Shaffer, inner guard; A. W. Miller, outer guard.

After the installation the following program was rendered: Address by Deputy Grand Chancellor Jefferson; piano duet by the Misses Elhorn; solo by Miss Bartels; selection on the violin by Forest Nash, and a drill by the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, followed by refreshments and dancing.

The hall was tastefully decorated with the lodge colors. Attendance, 125. Music during installation by Miss Bessie Forest Nash.

State Deputy Mary Manning installed the following officers in the Ladies of the Maccabees, Friday evening, January 10th: Cora C. Blodgett, lady commander; Jennie Brooks, lieutenant; Laura Hannum, record keeper; Leonora Kline, chaplain; Alvina Becker, sergeant; Lena Becker, mistress at arms; Louise Devereaux, sentinel; Abbie Andrus, picket; Clara Selig, pianist; Emma Staats, captain of guards. After installation a banquet was served and the evening was enlivened by songs and toasts.

## WOODMEN STILL CELEBRATING.

As indicated in our last issue, Maple Camp of the Modern Woodmen was in attendance at the Methodist church last Sunday night in celebration of the order's flourishing existence for twenty-five years, and an eloquent address by Pastor and Neighbor Farmiloe was heard with the highest satisfaction. Somewhat over a hundred were wearing the souvenir badge distributed for the occasion. The first five rows of seats were reserved for the special guests, and these were filled to overflowing. Neighbor Farmiloe was in the order so soon after its birth that he is familiar practically with its entire history, many events of which he related to the edification of his hearers. His entire membership has been an active and practical one, and he was able, therefore, to include in his preliminary remarks graphic narrations of the vast benefits derivable from association with the Modern Woodmen. That it is a great sustaining force in the hour of distress as well as a comfort, was delineated in a way that brought tears of sympathy to many eyes when he mentioned an accident that came under his observation in Rockford some years ago. His formal text was taken from 2 Timothy, 5-8, "But if any provideth not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever." This is the language of the Revised Version, the "unbeliever" in the King James edition

## THE COUNTY FAIR.

Plush Parlor Suite to Be Given Away to Couple Married at the Fair.

The home talent enterprise to be given in the Auditorium for the benefit of St. Andrews' Church is a most interesting enterprise, representing a real county fair on the stage. The enterprise will be drilled by Miss Cecelia Stegward, a graduate of King's School of Oratory, of the Book Entertainment Co., which company makes a specialty. The entertainment has been an immense success in other towns where it has been presented, and will likely be as well received in Downers Grove. About fifty of the best local characters have been secured, and will continue their rehearsals each evening up to the evening of the public presentation of the play. Each person plays a natural character, and there will be the usual variety of characters, such as are seen at a county fair. Furniture Dealer C. F. Davis has offered a plush parlor suite to any couple in DuPage county willing to have the knot tied at the annual county fair.

## Among the Churches

—St. Joseph's parish. Mass 10:30, Sunday morning.

—Methodist church. Regular Sunday morning service at 10 a. m. Sunday school, 12 m. Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Fraternal services, 7:30 p. m.

—German Lutheran. Service Sunday, January 12, 2:30 p. m., at the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. H. C. Guebert, from Hinsdale. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

—The following services will be held at the Evangelical church on Maple avenue, Sunday, Jan. 12, 1908: Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. The new officers will take charge.

—Young People's meeting at 11:00 a. m. English preaching at 6:45 p. m. All are cordially invited.

—Baptist church. Morning service at 10:45. Sermon by the pastor, S. L. Prescott, subject "Robbing God." Sunday school at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30, subject of meeting, "The True Center of Life." John 15: 1-10. Evening service at 7:30. The pastor will speak from the topic, "Too Late." Fine music at all these services. A cordial invitation to the public.

—Congregational church. Sunday, January 12, 1908. Morning service at 10:45. Theme, "The Success of Waiting." Sunday school at 12 noon. Men and Women's Bible classes at the same hour. Vesper service at 5 o'clock, theme, "Why Am I a Christian," by five prominent men in town. Orchestra and solo. C. E. meeting at 6 o'clock, theme, "The True Center of Life." Junior C. E. Wednesday at 3:45. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, subject, "The World Conquest," led by Samuel Johnston.

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