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RECORD CROWD AT-TENDS THE WHEATON COUNTRY FAIR.

DOWNERS GROVE BABIES

Take First Prize at the Wheaton Fair.

Wheaton entertained in the neighborhood of fifty thousand visitors last week, and it was done in a manner which reflected credit upon the management and citizens. There is never a great event without its drawbacks and petty grievances, but the management will improve conditions each year until perfection is gained.

Prizes were awarded in various classes—the horticultural and domestic science departments, beauty show, baby show, horse and cattle exhibit, all had many entries and received the attention of the thousands of visitors. The races and track events were especially good.

Two Downers Grove babies took the blue ribbon in their respective classes at the Wheaton fair last week.

Elmer Lawrence Whitely, six months old, was awarded the blue ribbon in the baby entries from one to six months of age, and Mary Elaine Clements, age 23 months, carried away the first prize and was awarded the blue ribbon in the 2-year-old class. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Clements.

Mrs. Hannah took the first prize, the blue ribbon for needlework, at the Wheaton Country Fair for a centerpiece, a silk crazy quilt and embroidered sheet and pillow cases.

In popular interest the awarding of prizes in the beauty show rivaled the horse show.

The prize winners according to the towns which sent in photographs of their fairest, were as follows:

Wheaton—Miss Margaret Spencer first, Miss Hazel Hagaman second, Miss Verma Mohr third.

Gene Ely—Miss Dorothy Dyrenforth first, Miss Irene Rothman second, Miss Carly Moulton third.

Naperville—Miss Cora Hubert first, Miss Minerva Nieldhardt second, Miss Beulah Simonson third.

West Chicago—Miss Ruth Whitten first, Miss Mattie Espados second, Miss Gladys Standridge third.

Chicago—Miss Nina Withersell.

The prize winners in the cattle class were John Rover, John R. Goodwin and J. W. Bauer, Naperville; E. N. Hurley, P. Wagman, D. Walker, P. Schmitt, Wheaton; Mrs. W. B. Munsey, Lisle; F. Crouse, West Chicago; Natoma Farm, Hinsdale; A. Mosher, Lake Forest; J. D. Rathbun, Lombard; A. W. Blank, Bartlett; G. W. Pickering, Wayne.

The official exhibitors and contestants are gratified over the success of the fair. So marked was the fair's success because that the question of building permanent structures, at a cost approximating \$100,000 is being discussed.

Whether the suggested buildings are erected or not, however, it is fully decided that the scope of the fair will be extended next year, larger prizes are to be offered and the fair bettered still further in all directions.

CHURCH PICNICS.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a picnic Monday, September 7th, Labor Day, at Stanley's Woods, on W. Gilbert avenue. There will be races for the children and other amusements. Refreshments on the grounds. Come out and enjoy yourself.

The annual picnic of the Evangelical Sunday-school of W. Maple avenue, will be held at Lisle, in Klein's Grove, Labor Day. Wagons will leave the church at 9 a. m. Everybody welcome.

The German Lutheran Church, of Lisle, will have their picnic Sunday, September 6th, at Anderson's orchard. There will be prizes for all kinds of races, prize bowling and shooting. Everybody welcome.

ADVERTISED LIST.

The letters and cards advertised below will be sent to the Dead Letter Office September 7th if not called for prior to that date. A charge of one cent on all advertised matter.

Letters: From Ernest Frost, Cloverdale, Ill. Mrs. M. Holligan, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Alvin Johnson, Deering, Ill. G. Kretler, Downers Grove, Ill. Mrs. Edw. Sweeney, Mattaport, Mass. Mr. Bob Robinson, Beech Grove, Ark. Mrs. Nellie Wood, Chicago, Ill.

Postals: Mrs. A. F. Dickey, Chicago, Ill. Miss Carrie Jones, Chicago, Neb. Miss Kathie Cox, Manistee, Mich. Mrs. M. Keller, Downers Grove, Ill. Mr. R. McHenry, Michigan City, Ind. Mr. John Thelen, Elgin, Ill. Miss Maggie Warwick, Lockport, Ill. Howard Cox, B. P. O.

MILLINERY.

Will open my store September 7, 1908, with a full line of advanced styles in fall and winter millinery. MISS GODSPED, Second Floor, Bank Bldg.

Why is Holland like a bottle of medicine?—Because there's a Cork in it.

Why have "dumb waiters" gone out of fashion?—Because they were not found to answer.

What is it you can keep after giving to some one else?—Your word.

LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

In the name of this worthy association you will soon be asked to contribute whatever sum of money you feel able to give towards issuing a much needed new catalogue and purchasing more new books. Many in our little village know and appreciate the good work and untiring energy of this little band of women; many others do not, and for the benefit of this latter class it would be well to say that for many, many years this little association, consisting of only about seven active members, has kept together, furnishing books and a place to keep them, and distributed them, regularly, to the public; in fact, serving the public in one of the greatest avenues of character-building and mind training of our children, helping in their education and in many other ways, proving to be public benefactors. Books in small numbers have been purchased and donated from time to time until at present there are nearly 2,000 volumes in the library; these books, of course, are constantly wearing out and new ones have to be bought, not only to replace the old, worn-out ones, but new publications, to keep up with the times and supply the demands of the patrons.

Another imperative need at present is a new catalogue. There has not been a complete one issued for twelve years; there have been supplements or leaflets added from time to time, but now a complete one is a necessity. The public demands it, and it is for this public need—a new catalogue and new books—that the association asks for your help. They are only asking money of you, that they may carry on a work which will benefit your children and yourself, as far as you partake of it.

A liberal contribution will not only alleviate the present demand, but will show your appreciation of the work done by these few women and encourage them to keep on with their good work awhile longer, until the town itself can take it up and give to the village a free public library, which is always a pride and honor to every town.

Among the Churches

—Christian Science church will meet at Madoff's hall Sunday at 10:45 a. m.

—St. Joseph's Parish, Mass at 10:30 a. m. High mass first Sunday of month. Pastor J. A. Bollman.

—German Lutheran services at Congregational Church, 2:30 p. m. Rev. Nickle, Pastor.

—Rapist Church—The pastor, B. L. Prescott, will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Faithfulness of God." Evening, "Some Vacation Memories." A generous invitation to these services. Strangers especially welcome.

—The fourth quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 8 p. m. Dr. H. V. Holt, district superintendent, will be in attendance. The written reports will be called for from all departments in the church.

—Special evangelistic meetings are now conducted in the Evangelical Church on West Maple avenue. Services every evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching at 8:15, Sunday, Sept. 6th, regular services will be held. Sunday School at 10 a. m. German sermon at 11 a. m. Y. P. A. at 6:45. English sermon at 7:30. Services every night next week. All are invited.

—Methodist Episcopal Church, F. F. Farnhole, pastor. Love feast at 9:30 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning, reception and communion, Sabbath School at 12:30. Epworth League at 6:30. Evening, annual thank offering meeting of the W. F. M. S. to be addressed by Mrs. I. H. Irish, of Chicago. Mrs. Irish is one of the most instructive and eloquent speakers of the organization.

—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church—During the months of August, September and October the services will be as follows: Sunday-school, 10 a. m. Evening Prayer, with sermon by the Rev. G. D. Adaga, 7:30 p. m., excepting that on the third Sunday of each month there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a. m., and the evening service will be omitted. A cordial invitation to all.

—Congregational Church—Morning service at 10:30. Theme, "Power Through Temptation." Sunday School at 12. Men's and Women's Bible classes at same hour. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Theme, "Some Reasons Why the Modern Thomas Does Not Attend the Sunday Evening Service." Junior Christian Endeavor at 3:35 Wednesday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. The pastor will lead.

The German Lutheran church choir of Lisle, were highly honored Wednesday evening, August 27th, at their meeting by a visit of Rev. Amerling, from Berlin, Germany. He congratulated them for their good singing and said he wished he would meet with many more such meetings as this was on his visit here. He also told them a few stories about Germany and their ways, which were of great interest. He is visiting with Rev. M. Nickel, of Lisle, Ill.

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DOWNERS GROVE, THE BEAUTIFUL

On Thursday evening of last week the Improvement Association held a meeting in Dickey's Hall and had a fairly good attendance. Those present were unanimously in favor of continuing the work of the association and the speakers urged the necessity of taking care of the trees and parkways.

Mr. Jason Littleford suggested the advisability of adopting a comprehensive plan for the beautifying of the village, such as the planting of particular kinds of trees, the distance between trees, etc., and stated that many municipalities in the East had adopted such plans, which in the course of a few years would result in a beautiful and harmonious effect.

The matter of the improvement of the lake on the north side received a good deal of attention. Mr. Gesner stated that in his opinion, the first work on the lake should be the emptying and cleaning of it; that the bottom at present consisted of mud and rubbish. After much discussion it was decided to appoint a committee of five to take charge of the work of the improvement of the lake and Mr. Lucore, the president, appointed Messrs. Naramore, Findlay, Gesner, Littleford and Herkins.

The constitution was amended making membership fee in the association one dollar and dues fifty cents a month. Several members offered suggestions in the matter of securing new members and the Executive Board was instructed to formulate a plan to that end.

The meeting adjourned until the regular quarterly meeting in October. The officers of the association are as follows: Frank M. Lucore, President; L. P. Naramore, Vice President; C. H. Dickey, Treasurer; Thos. M. Campbell, Secretary; who together with the following members constitute the Executive Board: E. E. Stevens, W. J. Herking, Rev. F. F. Farnhole, Dr. Herb and Jason Littleford. On the following Saturday evening the Executive Board met in the office of Naramore and Foster.

The suggestion of Mr. Littleford for permanent improvement along an adopted plan was discussed at considerable length and the committee decided to recommend the elm tree as the most suitable for our parkways. Mr. Littleford was instructed to correspond with eastern villages in order to receive fuller information about plans they had adopted.

The Executive Board agreed to attend the next meeting of the village board and present the plan for their approval and also suggest the appointment of a village forester, to serve without pay from the village, who will have supervision of planting and trimming trees in the parkways.

In order to fully cover the entire village and give every street proper attention it was further decided to appoint an advisory board to consist of one resident on each and every street of the village, whose duties shall consist of having residents of his street join the association and to maintain supervision over improvements on the street. It was deemed impossible for the Executive Board to look after the needs of all the streets and this plan would make it certain that every portion of the village was receiving benefits from the association. The appointments were made and the secretary notified those selected and ask their earnest co-operation.

The Executive Board is very much encouraged through the interest shown by our residents in the work they have in hand and feel that with the revenue which will be derived from the month, it is easily possible to do through the plan of organization they have adopted very effective work can be done which will prove of a permanent benefit and so far in an effort toward Downers Grove, the beautiful.

BARRED FROM AFRICAN HOME.

Portugal Charges Wesley Stover, Missionary, Armed Natives and Keeps Family in England. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stover, well known in and around Chicago, where Mrs. Stover has lectured, are interested in a report from London that they have been forbidden by the Portuguese government to return to their home in Angola, Africa, where Mr. Stover has been a Congregational missionary for the last thirty years.

Their daughter, Miss Helen Stover, left Africa when but 12 years of age because she could not stand the climate. For some time she staid in Washington, Ill. Her mother came to the United States two years ago on account of ill health. A short time ago Stover went to London to meet his wife and daughter to take them home, but the Portuguese authorities issued an order forbidding him to return. They charged he has used his influence to incite the blacks of Africa to rebel and had armed them. Friends say the charge is untrue. Now the Stover family fears to return, for they might be put to death.

They have already sent seven years' supplies to Africa, while all their effects are there. It is possible the British government may take up the matter.

The first practical sewing machine was the invention of Elias Howe, which was patented in 1846.

VICTORY COUNCIL NO. 110, ENTERTAINS.

The entertainment of Victory Council No. 110, of the Royal League, Tuesday evening, was a pronounced success. The musical and elocutionary program was well rendered and the different numbers heartily applauded.

Mr. McCleughan, Past Archon of the Advisory Council, made a short speech recounting the good points of the Royal League and urging the members to renewed effort to increase the membership.

After the program, ice cream and cake were served to about seventy people, and then the hall was cleared and dancing was indulged in until 11:30.

This is the first of a number of entertainments Victory Council expects to give this fall. Watch for the announcements; they will be well worth your while to attend.

BOWLING ALLEY

Open to the Public Saturday, Sept. 5th.

The directors of the Athletic Association have just completed extensive improvements in the rooms of the association and everything is in first class shape for the opening. Mr. McKeever, the new manager, has been a busy man since his arrival in the village, as evidenced by the appearance of the establishment.

This Friday evening the directors hold a reception for the stockholders and their families and on Saturday evening the rooms are open to the public.

The directors of the association are doing all in their power to make the institution a place where all the residents may find recreation during the season and an effort will be made to attract the patronage of the ladies on special days and evenings.

ECHOES FROM THE AURORA CHAUTAUQUA.

The Chautauqua program was all that it promised and was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. The opening day brought the Southern Jubilee Singers, and that wonderful man, Gen. John Black, Prof. Fitzgerald's lectures on physiology were most interesting, as were those pertaining to our wild animals by that great student of nature, Ernest Thompson Seton. Dr. John Cook, added to his three lectures on Education, and Dr. F. W. Peitler's lecture on the Tuberculosis Problem was of practical benefit to all his hearers. No singer was more appreciated or loved by Chautauqua goers than sweet little Marie Musbaum.

Dr. Galpin, who spoke on the Boy Problem, was one of the best speakers there. William Sterling Battis, in his impersonation of characters taken from Dickens' stories, was splendid. Braun's band and orchestra, with their excellent music, is among the pleasant memories of this two weeks of entertainment. On the first Sunday Gypsy Smith came and gave in his own simple way the great message of his heart—a message his hearers will not soon forget.

Mrs. Wm. Calvin Chilton, in her dialect readings portraying the Southern negro, was most thoroughly enjoyed.

Judge Willie Brown, of Utah, in his story of Dugan, brought to his hearers facts and suggestions on the boy problem that will not soon be forgotten.

A lecture of benefit in making our surroundings more beautiful was given at the old pictures by Howard Evans Wood, The Metropolitan Grand Opera Co., on August 18th, made that one of the red letter days by their most excellent music. Rod, Van Kirk in his three Browning recitals was among the best features of the Chautauqua.

Edward Amberst Ott, in his lecture on "The Hammed Home," was a man to be heard with much profit. Maud Ballington Booth, like Mr. Ott, brought to her hearers what would be a distinct loss to miss. Thomas Convine gave an evening of mirth and wholesome enjoyment. The poet, Edmond Vance Corke entertained his audience in his own pleasant manner with bits from his own pen.

The pow wow of the Seton Indians, under the management of Miss Ohman, was a great credit to this young woman, whose work was thoroughly appreciated. Miss Tina Mae Haines gave a helpful talk on the Use and Abuse of Music, while S. A. Ackley made the 9 o'clock hour most interesting as well as profitable.

The Chautauqua closed with Cutler Mack and the Choir Concert Co., in music, and with Gov. E. W. Hoch with his most eloquent "Message From Kansas." Would we had more men in public life like this man—a man with a purpose and a will to benefit mankind.

The women of Kentucky are jubilant over having secured the appointment of a dean of women at the State University. The State Agricultural and Mechanical College has been turned into the State University of Kentucky. As soon as this was an accomplished fact the club women of the State began to work for a dean of women. Mrs. Florence G. O. Stout has been appointed to the post. Mrs. Stout has been director of the department of physical culture for several years. That department has been elevated to a full professorship, which gives her all the rights and privileges of a member of the faculty.

The chance of one fingermark being exactly like another is one in 64,000,000.

HOW WE DIDN'T GO.

To the Oatstown Pumpkin Show—A Rural Episode.

It was a lovely bright day in mid-summer, and Mrs. Tree and her guest, Mrs. Forest, thought it would be an ideal time to take in the Pumpkin Show at Oatstown. Now it was a long way around to go to Oatstown by train, but as the crowd was only "steep" miles, so Mr. Tree bethought him of Mike Googan and his automobile. Now Mike was noted far and wide for his graceful and fearless driving of the same, and as time was somewhat limited, the Trees finally prevailed on Mike to take the ladies over in his bubble wagon. At one o'clock, sharp, the ladies in their holiday attire were on hand at the four corners awaiting Mike's arrival. Presently Mike hove in sight with colors flying. After watering, oiling, adjusting and winding, Mike said, "all hands in and we're off."

Everything chugged along nicely for a few laps, and then things began to happen. The carburetor began to get a little wheezy, the muffler failed to muffle, the transmission slipped a cog, and the occupants were so far apart, the sparker was of no avail whatever. Mike got out, and with the tails of his linen dustcoat floating in the gentle breeze proceeded to diagnose the disease. Piece by piece the internal apparatus was disintegrated and laid out on the ground. Presently Mike arose from his prayerful attitude and thus delivered himself: "Ladies, I fear me this devil wagon has a very complex case of hypercritical automobilophobia, superinduced by a hide-bound malformation of the superstructure of the diaphragm. In other words, we're stuck." So Mike pieced and patched and tenderly bound up as best he could the disabled structure, and with woe-begone countenances and solemn and funeral faces they slowly and sadly wended their way homeward. And that's why we didn't see the Oatstown Pumpkin Show.

Local Happenings

10 CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith on the part of the writer. Write only on one side of the paper. Be particularly careful in giving names and dates, to have the letters and names plain and distinct.

—School opens next Tuesday.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peters, a boy.

—Look for additional local news on page 5.

—Miss Eleanor Cook is spending the week in Sandwich, Ill.

—Mrs. D. C. Stanley has had company from West Chicago.

—Miss Madeline Hughes is at Blue Island for a vacation trip.

—Arthur Montereau has returned from his vacation in Michigan.

—Mr. Brammberg is entertaining his sister and nephew from Ohio.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gustafson, Thursday, Aug. 27, a boy.

—Miss Grace McDonald was a guest at Mrs. Holland Waples last week.

—D. G. Graham has Downers Grove Village improvement bonds for sale.

—The Misses Julia and Martha Farver have been visiting in Oak Park.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark were visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. I. Mason.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kilbourne have gone to Neligh, Neb., for a two weeks' trip.

—If you wish good fresh milk, drop a postal card to Julius Johnson, box 501.

—Miss Louise O'Donnell of Galenburg is the guest of her cousin, Edna Hemphill.

—M. E. Stanger attended the reunion of the 105th Illinois at Aurora Thursday.

—Mrs. C. V. Carpenter and sons returned from Charlevoix, Mich., on Friday.

—Miss Nellie Rander has returned from the West to spend a few weeks here.

—Miss Margaret Foote of Chicago visited at the Simonson home the past week.

—Mrs. Anderson and Miss Helen returned from St. Ignace, Mich., Thursday last.

—Mrs. Dr. Robertson, and daughter of Aurora, spent Thursday in the Grove.

—George and Gus Volkman, of Chicago, visited old friends in the village Sunday.

—M. E. Stanger has just received a shipment of Gunther's celebrated candles.

—Miss T. D. and Miss Jessie Aldrich were guests of Mrs. Burns over Sunday.

—Miss Gertrude Becker, of Ravenswood Park, is visiting Miss Fanny Whitney.

—Mrs. E. A. Blodgett and Miss May Blodgett were visitors in our village on Saturday.

—"Beechnut" Peanut Butter, 15c and 25c. "Beechnut" Bacon in glass, 25c, at L. Klein's.

—Fred Merts has returned to his

MISSING MAN TOLD

Rollo Heurt, Brother of Geo. B. Heurt, Returns After Twenty Years' Absence.

Mr. Rollo Heurt, who is a brother of Geo. B. Heurt of our village, returned after having been absent for twenty years. He went West in 1888 to Colorado, where, in company with his brothers, Chester and Frank Chan, Oldfield, they took up homestead claims. On account of bad weather Heurt went to Denver to work and dropped out of sight. His friends and relations have long ago given up hope of ever seeing him again.

In the meantime he wandered all over the West, prospecting and mining. He spent the last two years in California. At last, getting weary of the travels, he started for the West, stopping in Chicago last Sunday, where, after some search, he located two of his brothers and was welcomed to a room from the dead. He is now in Camp looking up his relations and his friends, who are, of course, all pleased and astounded to see him again.

At a meeting of the Trustees held last Friday night, the 25th meeting show to be held in Downers Grove on December, was made a sure thing.

Mr. W. S. Russell, of Ottumwa, Iowa, one of the most popular men in the West, has been announced to give the show will be held over New Year's day, which will give nearly every one a chance to see the exhibits in the daytime.

The club is making an effort to pay out more cash prizes this year. This good care of your growing stock, and compete for some of these prizes.

ED. M. DIERKER, Secretary and Treasurer.

Among the fishes at the Aquarium likely to catch the eye of one strolling along the banks in an alert and vigorous channel about three feet long and weighing probably thirty pounds. This big fish comes up to the front, and balances itself on the water, facing the spectator, and then it swings its tail like throwing over a rudder and shoots off and goes sailing around the tank, an embodiment of strength and power.—New York Sun.

—Peaches, grapes, pears and plums by the dozen or basket. Fancy fruit at reasonable prices. F. Gerwig.

—Mrs. Allen Wheeler and the Misses Hattman spent one day last week at Silver Forest with Mrs. Lynn Wheeler.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Mason have returned from a trip of the Great Lakes with a party of eight Chicago friends.

—The business houses of the village will close Monday, September 7th, Labor Day, at 10 o'clock. No deliveries Monday.

—"Beechnut" Dried Beef, 25c. "Beechnut" Catsup, 15c. "Beechnut" Baked Beans, large can 15c, small 10c, at L. Klein's.

—Miss Mabel Bagley, of Homestead, Pa., and Mrs. Fitzsimmons, of Chicago, are spending the summer with Mrs. Geo. Kilpatrick.

—F. D. Lindsey has taken the agency for the Auburn Automobile. He will gladly demonstrate its good points. See ad. on other page.

—The Iota Theta Pi Sorority gave a delightful party in honor of Marie White on the eve of her departure for her new home in Chicago.

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