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## ROYAL NEIGHBORS SEVEN YEARS OLD

The Event Joyously Celebrated.

Modaff's Hall held a company on Thursday evening May 20th, that comprised representatives of all of our village's best known families, assembled on the invitation of Honor Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America, which was celebrating the seventh anniversary of its birth. The intervening years were fraught with many vicissitudes, and more than once it was a doubt that the camp would continue to live. However, it proved to have the vitality to conquer all adverse conditions, and today it is one of the most active bodies occupying the fraternal field in Downers Grove. Its membership has nearly doubled in the last two years, and at each meeting there are additions to its roll. Experts say that its ritualistic simplification is worth going miles to see. Certain it is that at every gathering there is an attendance larger in proportion to total membership than in any other organization known to the writer.

Nearly a hundred were in the company on Thursday evening, and noticeable were many members of Maple Camp of the Modern Woodmen and their wives, the special guests of the occasion.

Neighbor W. W. Heintz was in charge of the program, which was as follows:

- PROGRAM.**
- R. N. A. Seventh Anniversary, May 20, 1909.
1. Vocal solo..... Dulah Simonson
  2. Reading..... Mr. E. S. Allen
  3. Poem..... Hazel Saxson
  4. Philatelic triad of music.....
  5. Duet..... Misses Hillard
  6. Reading..... Miss Flora Smith
  7. Selection..... B. N. A. Band
  8. Vocal solo..... Martha Puffer
  9. Philatelic triad of music.....
  10. Reading..... Mamie Nadehofer
  11. Selection..... Hazel Saxson
  12. Reading..... Hazel Saxson
  13. Reading..... Hazel Saxson

By all the evening's happenings, and it is believed that a good number of new members will be among the results.

## BARGAINS AT PRIVATE SALE.

Beginning Wednesday, June 2d, bargains may be had at the Baptist parsonage. Parlor, bedroom, dining room and kitchen furniture, stoves and other articles. Possession of articles purchased will be given June 15th, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Prescott expect to leave for a home in Kansas.

## THE FAMOUS KINOGRAPH.

Do not miss the next exhibition of the famous Kinograph at Dick's Hall next Tuesday evening, June 1st, moving pictures and beautifully illustrated songs. Mr. Joe Benardo, Chicago's greatest baritone, will be heard in three character songs. An entire evening's performance at low prices—adults, 20 cents; children, 10 cents.

## REWARD.

Ten dollars reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of parties dumping refuse in the slough at Highland avenue between Grant and Sherman streets.

J. KLEIN.

## FIGHT THE FLY: STOP DISEASE.

Fight the house fly, is the urgent cry of the Health Department. It is the most dangerous insect known to mankind, according to the weekly bulletin of the department, issued to-day. "They are born in fifth, live on fifth and carry fifth around with them. Flies are known to carry millions of death-dealing germs and they leave some of these wherever they alight," says the bulletin.

This advice is given on fighting the pest:

Screen your windows and doors. Do it early, before fly time, and keep the screens in place until snow falls.

Screen all food, especially milk. Keep flies away from the foodstuffs. Keep flies away from the sick. Kill every fly that enters the sick room. Keep the patient's bed screened.

Catch flies as fast as they appear. Use sticky fly paper, traps and liquid poisons.

Clear rooms in which there are large numbers of flies by burning pyrethrum powder or blowing black flag into the air of the room. These stun the flies. They should then be gathered up and destroyed.

Eliminate the breeding places of flies. Remember, no dirt, no flies.

## CALIFORNIA NEWS ITEM.

Miss Eleanor Cornell has issued invitations for an elaborate recital to be given at her apartment in the Key Route Hotel on Friday afternoon, April 20. She will on this occasion present her pupil, Miss Mabel Frisbie, C. Francis Havelin, the well known violinist, will give two numbers, "Andante" (Lysabail) and "Hungarian Dance" (Brahms-Jvachim). The accompanist will be Miss Nellie Hobart Carpenter. For some time past Miss Carpenter's ability as an accompanist of the highest standing has been recognized, so that the recent splendid offer made her to tour the principal cities of the East came as no surprise to her friends. She is a loyal-spirited girl of warm affections and so prefers remaining on the Pacific Coast rather than separating from her family. The two song cycles will be an interesting feature. Miss Frisbie singing the entire "Kashmiri Love Song" (Amy Woodford-Finden), and Spring, Summer and Autumn from "The Perfect Day" (Lysabail).

If I were the principal of a training college for teachers I should make a strong feature of teaching everyday manners, common courtesies and etiquette, by means of systematic, sympathetic, and sensible example. There would be a regular course in all that appertains to the social usages of cultivated professional people. Many of our teachers are awkward in manner and address, and department. They may be rough diamonds. We want polished gems, so that the State-school manner will come to be a thing to be proud of. Surely the sturdiest of democrats or the sincerest of Socialists need not be ashamed of easy, charming, courteous manners. Virility is not rudeness. Strength is not awkwardness. True politeness is not effeminacy.—Education Gazette and Teachers' Aid, Victoria, Australia.

## PHOTOS.

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## LADIES' ATTENTION.

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## TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

Of the Downers Grove High School at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Thursday Evening, June 3, 1909, at 8:15 O'clock.

### PROGRAM.

- March—Selected..... Wagner  
Piano: Miss Bessie Nash.  
Invocation..... Rev. J. S. Stamm  
"Spinning Song" "Flying Dutchman"..... Wagner  
Chorus: High School.  
Quartet—Selected..... Schubert Quartet  
Essay—"Richard Wagner"..... Bessie Herring  
March—"Tannhauser"..... Wagner  
Piano: Ardena Uhlhorn.  
Essay—"The Rheingold"..... Wagner  
Florence Lacey.  
"Festal Play and Bridal Song"..... Wagner  
Piano: Agnes Johnson.  
Essay—"Parsifal"..... Wagner  
Vivian Torode.

- "Kriegsmarsch"—Rienzi..... Wagner  
Piano: Ardena and Florence Uhlhorn.  
"Pilgrim's Chorus"—Tannhauser..... Wagner  
Chorus: High School.  
Quartet—Selected..... Schubert Quartet  
Presentation of diplomas..... Mr. H. P. Jones  
Benediction..... Rev. F. F. Farmiloe

### GRADUATES.

- Vivian Rogers Torode.  
Bessie Ione Herrin.  
Ardena Dorothy Uhlhorn.  
Florence Mayette Lacey.  
Agnes Margaret Johnson.  
Motto—"Laboremus."  
Class Colors—Maroon and gold.  
Class Flower—Red carnation.

### TEACHERS.

- L. C. Avery, superintendent.  
Maude M. Manley, principal.  
Zella E. Allen.  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Jonas R. Foster, president.  
F. E. Lowe, secretary.  
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L. W. Fisher.

## THE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS

Of the Downers Grove public schools announce their promotion exercises Friday evening, June 4, 1909, at 8 o'clock.

### The Auditorium.

### PROGRAM.

- (a) The Sky Lark Song..... Class Chorus.  
The Gift of Trifolium..... Harriet Jones  
The Revolutionary Rising..... Alfred Gardiner  
Piano Duet..... Albert Smart, Ruth Smart  
The Dandy Fifth..... Laura Dent  
Tent Scene from Julius Caesar..... Arthur Severus, Burley Reider.  
Them Oxen..... Idella Binder  
Song..... Dorothy McKee  
Legend of Bregenz, Viola Clamptit  
The Return of the Regiment..... Mildred Herkins  
Jim Hinds..... Harold Beldeman  
Violin Solo..... John Wolfersheim  
King Robert of Sicily..... Agnes Stewart

### Song—A Prayer..... The Little Paritan Elizabeth Willis How We Danced the Minuet..... Dorothy McKee, Grace Peterson, Mabel Chessman, Adeline Heintz. The Challenge, Madeline Ambrose

### (a) Pippa's Song..... Girls' Chorus.

### (b) Spring Song..... Girls' Chorus.

## NEW STUDIO AT MODAFF'S HALL

Mrs. Genevieve Puffer Reid will open a studio at Modaff's Hall; hours from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. every Saturday. Private pupils will be taken and classes will be formed if desired in physical culture, voice training, elocution and dramatic work. Classes will also be formed for married ladies at convenient hours.

## BAKERY SALE.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the German Evangelical Church on Grove street will have a bakery sale Saturday, May 29, 1 p. m. in the basement of the church. They will dispense home made cakes, pies, coffee, cake, bread and doughnuts, fried while you wait.

"Don't have regular habits. You are a weakling if you do. Make them irregular, and then you will be ready when an emergency comes." That was the advice given by Dr. Sheldon Leavitt to the members of the Right Living League in Immanuel Baptist Church, Chicago. "It's ridiculous to say that health depends on regular habits," he added. "You ought to be able to go without sleep an entire night and do good work the next day. The reason the city boys were able to endure hardships of war better than the country youths was because the latter had regular habits and it broke them all up to break them."

One thing in the world that is used by us all for a spell—the alphabet.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Monday, May 31, is to be observed as Memorial Day by Naper Post. They go to Hinsdale as usual on the 9:08 train. In the afternoon they assemble at the G. A. R. rooms at 1:30. There will be a short parade starting at 2:15. The fire department will turn out in uniform to escort them to the cemetery. After the ceremony at the cemetery they will repair to the M. E. church, where General J. Wilcox of Elgin will deliver the oration.

All organized societies and the citizens of Downers Grove are cordially invited to participate.

## ANNIVERSARY POEM.

"I knew that truth would crush the lie.—  
Somehow, sometime the end would be;  
Yet scarcely dared I hope to see  
The triumph with my mortal eye.

"But now I see it! In the sun  
A free flag floats from yonder dome,  
And at the nation's birth and home  
The justice long delayed is done.

"Not as we hoped, in calm of prayer,  
The message of deliverance comes,  
But heralded by roll of drums  
On waves of battle-troubled air!"

"Not as we hoped—but what are we?  
Above our broken dreams and plans  
God lays, with wiser hand than man's  
The corner-stone of liberty!"

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

## ECLIPSE OF SUN LASTS ALL DAY.

Will Occur On June 17, and Be Total.

A total eclipse of the sun is scheduled to occur on June 17, visible in all portions of the United States, except the extreme south. The eclipse will begin in this latitude about 6:10 in the morning and will continue until after sunset. At the time of the disappearance of the sun, the eclipse will cover about one-half the area of Old Sol.

The last total eclipse of the sun was witnessed here shortly after the close of the Civil War, in the year 1869. The eclipse will be remembered by many citizens, who yet speak of it as a queer experience, noticeably in the folk lore of the north.

The last total eclipse of the sun occurred in the United States of America, and many are the occasions which are recalled.

The South, during the latter years of the sixties, was poverty stricken from the ravages of the war, and when darkness enveloped the land at noon-day the people of the ignorant classes, especially the newly freed slaves, were cowed by the effect of the phenomenon and fell to the earth in prayer, thinking the eve of a terrible calamity was upon them. Chickens went to roost and cocks crowed. Bats and owls and other fowl which fly by night appeared and candles and lamps were lighted in the dwellings.

The eclipse predicted for June 17 is to be total and will be a reproduction of the one in 1869. The occasion will afford a rare experience for residents of Illinois, and all who ever witnessed a total eclipse of the sun state that they can never forget it.

## QUAKE TREMORS.

Quite a perceptible earthquake shock was felt in this village Wednesday morning at 8:40 o'clock.

The vibration was distinctly felt and caused a great deal of uneasiness. At the South Side school the teachers were pretty well frightened. Prof. Avery, in his office, said the building shook considerably. A great many ladies in different parts of the village ran into the streets, not knowing the cause and fearing the worst. The tremors lasted about four seconds.

Aurora's first real earthquake shock terrorized the citizens of this vicinity at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

People heard first a deep toned sound like a big explosion. This was followed by a jar as of an immense safe falling onto a cushion. Then a tremble and it was all over.

Several seconds elapsed before the earth felt firm again. During this time, some people declare, there was three distinct shocks.

Aurora suffered no great damage from the visitation of the tremor, although the gas company reports several hundred dollars' loss in broken connections. Some chimneys were knocked over and two small fires were reported which called out the department. These, however, proved to be false alarms and nothing of consequence occurred.

In Dundee Mrs. Frank Gray was knocked down by the force of the shock and in Elgin the students in the Metropolitan Business college on the third floor of a prominent building rushed in a panic down the stairs. No one was hurt in Elgin and there was no damage, the shock there being felt about the same as in Aurora.

In Joliet the shock was about the same as in Aurora and there was no damage.

In the Prison city the fear was that the shock would break the controlling works at Lockport, and that the city would be flooded. However, it was soon found that there was no occasion for alarm.

## SHOCKED AT NAPERVILLE.

Naperville felt the shock although no damage was reported. Several chimneys were knocked over but no fires were reported. The people rushed from their homes and excitement was intense. A hurry up call was sent in.

Wild rumors started about the streets. One was that a tidal wave had swept over Chicago and that that city had been destroyed. Another was that an immense oil well in northern Indiana had exploded and set fire to the country for miles around. Some declared that the steel mills at Joliet had blown up and another was authority for the statement that Montgomery Ward & Co.'s building in Chicago had toppled over.

## Local Happenings

### 10 CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author; not necessarily his position, 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 figures plain and distinct.

—Iowa Gold Mine Seed Corn at M. Plevka & Co.

—See that high grade bicycle, only \$20, at M. Plevka & Co.

—Mr. Wm. Colwell, from California, is in Downers Grove visiting friends.

—Mrs. A. G. Rowse, of Davenport, Iowa, is visiting with Mrs. J. S. Loser.

—Edward Blodgett has been home on a visit with his father and mother.

—Miss Edna Dunn leaves this week for a month's visit with relatives in Iowa.

—Don't say, "I owe that man nothing." You owe every living person something.

—Employed man is the greatest asset to a nation; an idle man its greatest liability.

—Call up C. V. Wolf for good strong tomato and cabbage plants; also bedding plants.

—Capt. Rogers and wife entertained Capt. Randall, a cousin of Mrs. Rogers, last week.

—All in line for the "Red and Blue Contest" at the Congregational Church Sunday school!

—White, Rye and Whole Wheat Flour, Grain, Hay, Poultry Supplies, M. Plevka & Co.

—Mrs. Banker's mother is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Banker on Oakwood avenue.

—How many times have you missed the 7:02 train this week? What a difference one minute will make.

—Fancies, geraniums and varieties of bedding plants, also vegetable plants, J. Golan's greenhouse, phone 1053.

—Engineer Losier would request the property owners along the line of the paving, to let him know where the

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

Downers Grove, Ill., April 24, 1909. The adjourned regular meeting of April 12th was called to order by President Hughes.

Hell call noted present Trustees Dicke, Heart, Gallip, Matson and Severus. Absent, Trustees Handy.

Request from Chicago Telephone Company for placing pole at Midland and Prairie avenues, also southeast corner Maple and Washington streets, was returned to Manager Patchen for correction.

A communication was read from Guy L. Bush, stating that fire policy in Alliance of England, amount \$3,750, on pumping station, expires on May 31st; matter was referred to Finance Committee.

It was moved by Trustees Heintz and Matson that the board proceed to canvass vote of village election held on April 20th; motion carried, all voting aye.

The board then canvassed vote, which showed that the following named persons received the number of votes set opposite his name for the various offices. Total number of votes cast, of which number:

F. D. Lindley received 344 votes for President of the Village Board.

H. W. Martin received 47 votes for President of the Village Board.

J. M. Riel received 337 votes for Trustee of the Village Board.

Julius Severus received 372 votes for Trustee of the Village Board.

W. B. Ellis received 335 votes for Trustee of the Village Board.

R. E. Bateman received 34 votes for Trustee of the Village Board.

T. F. Potter received 76 votes for Trustee of the Village Board.

C. S. Steffy received 45 votes for Trustee of the Village Board.

D. G. Graham received 249 votes for Police Magistrate.

It was moved by Trustees Heintz and Matson that F. D. Lindley, having received a majority of the votes cast for the office of President, be declared elected President of the village for two years; motion carried, all voting aye. President Hughes then declared F. D. Lindley elected President of the village for the term of two years.

It was moved by Trustees Matson and Severus that D. G. Graham, having received a majority of all votes cast for the office of Police Magistrate, be declared elected Police Magistrate for the term of four years. Motion carried, all voting aye. President Hughes then declared D. G. Graham Police Magistrate for the term of four years.

Upon motion of Trustees Matson and Dicke Engineer Losier was empowered to change or take care of pipe conditions at Fairmont and Summit streets.

It was moved by Trustees Gallip and Heart that Collector Curtis be instructed not to issue permits to plumbers unless returns on previous permits on which work has been done are returned to collector with proper locations of connections, etc.; motion carried, all voting aye.

Engineer Losier stated to board that he had finished a plat or atlas of the village as directed, showing all water, sewer, gas connections, etc., presenting with said atlas bill of \$200 for same. It was moved by Trustees Dicke and Matson that village purchase book from engineer for \$200. Those voting aye were Dicke, Heintz and Matson; nays, Trustees Gallip and Severus.

Upon proper motion board adjourned to Monday night, April 26th.

BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

Downers Grove, Ill., April 24, 1909. The adjourned meeting from April

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