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## GRADUATION EXERCISES

Another eventful period in the lives of some of the young people of our village has passed. Very well indeed did the young ladies accredit themselves.

Behind the display of June flowers and foliage and under the class colors the five fair young maids celebrated the last period of their school life here. Departing from the former custom of a lecturer, the program was given by the graduates and the pupils of the high school, with the help of the Schubert Quartette of Chicago.

The program was a Wagner one, the essays having for their subjects the life and works of the great composer. The choruses by the school, taken from the Wagnerian operas, were well rendered. The essays were all so well prepared and well delivered that to single out any one in particular would be difficult.

The piano selections from the same difficult operas were well rendered and gave a pleasing variety. The male voices of the quartette charmed the audience and they kindly responded to encores.

We can feel justly proud of these girls, whose perseverance and study has brought them so far in their school life. May they succeed as well in all their undertakings.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Standing room was at a premium last Friday night, the occasion being the commencement exercises of the eighth grade. Such an outpouring of oratory, classical reading, singing and music has seldom been heard at a commencement. To single out any individual would be useless. The class as a whole certainly did themselves proud and were a credit to themselves and the teachers of the school. The following is a list of the graduates:

Jessie Lindley.  
Harold Heidemann.  
Arthur Severus.  
Howard Pougher.  
Idella Binder.  
Dorothy McKee.  
Harriet Jones.  
Madeline Ambrose.  
John Woelfersheim.  
Floyd Easton.  
Harold Hindman.  
Alfred Gauthier.  
Emery Edwards.  
Mildred Herkins.  
Mabel Chessman.  
Mille Buschmann.  
Alberta Smart.  
Viola Clamplitt.  
Agnes Stewart.  
Albert Winter.  
William Shamaubrook.  
Clarence Heal.  
Lillian Downer.  
Burlay Redeler.  
Laura Dent.  
Grace Peterson.  
Adeline Heintz.  
Elizabeth Willis.

## THE PINOCHLE CLUB.

The Pinochle Club and their friends met at Modaff's Hall, last Saturday evening and had a most enjoyable time. The evening was spent in dancing and other amusements.

Coffee and sandwiches and ice cream and cake were served. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Volkman and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grund of Chicago were among the guests. Mr. Volkman presented the club with a large, elaborately gotten up cake, surmounted with the Pinochle emblem. A great deal of joshing was indulged in by the members as to their playing abilities, and John Woelfersheim was presented with a miniature deck of cards.



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## A WELL EARNED VACATION.

Engineers George S. Foster and A. E. Dickinson, in the "Q." suburban service, are going to take a trip over the ocean to spend a few weeks in England, Scotland and Ireland. They will sail on June 16th on the steamship Mauretania, the finest steamer in the world. The best is none too good for these two well known veterans of the throttle. Both are real jolly good fellows and are well known in Masonic circles. It is to be hoped they will have a safe and pleasant voyage and there is no doubt that they will meet with many friends in the Masonic fraternity in their travels and during their stay on the other side. With every best wish for a good time and a safe return by their many friends and brethren here at home. It is gratifying to know that both are great lovers of the shellfish variety of sea food and no doubt while they are gone will get a good supply in that line.

## THE TOWN THAT PUSH BUILT

### I.—The Wise Workman



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P.S.—The local dealer who's up to snuff will always advertise his stuff.

## THE FAMOUS KINOGRAPH.

Do not miss the next exhibition of the famous Kinograph at Dicke's Hall next Tuesday evening, June 8, moving pictures and beautifully illustrated songs. Mr. Joe Bernardo, 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.

## PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Mrs. Genevieve Puffer Reid will be at Modaff's Hall on Saturday from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. during the summer. Class and private lessons in physical culture, expression, dramatic work and reading. Terms moderate.

## PHOTOS.

Of any thing, any kind, any time, and any place. Postal photos a specialty. F. A. EDGEWORTH, Phone 754, Downers Grove, Ill.

When a woman doesn't have her say it is because she is dumb.  
The water of the ocean is rich in radium.

## AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

On next Sunday morning, June 13, the annual Children's Day program will be rendered. A special effort is being made by the program committee to give one of the best programs rendered for many years. Special music and speaking by the children. It is a well known fact that the Sunday school has had almost a phenomenal growth for the past two years. The weekly attendance and offerings have beaten anything in the history of the church. The school is under good and modern management, and is our equipment (building) were better we might have an ideal Sunday school.

The exercises will begin at 11 a. m. and close at 12:30 p. m. Thus regular morning worship and the regular Sunday school season will give place to the children.

In the evening the local K. of P. and the neighboring body from Hinsdale will attend the church services. The pastor will deliver the sermon on the theme, "The Ministry of Little Things." The choir will render special music.

A very hearty welcome is extended to the public to attend these two services.

## THE KINOGRAPH AT DICKE'S HALL.

The Kinograph Company of Chicago gave their third performance at Dicke's Hall last Tuesday evening. The pictures they had were without a doubt the most entertaining and educating pictures obtainable. They had a nice historical picture entitled "Cleopatra's Lover," which pleased the audience very much; also some very funny pictures, among them "The Female Politician," "The Soul Kiss," and "Beg Pardon." The picture entitled "Soul Kiss" had them all rolling in the chairs. The songs that were illustrated were "It Might Have Been," "When I Dream in the Gloaming of You" and "Meet Me To-night in Dreamland." The above songs were very beautifully illustrated. Mr. Joe Bernardo of Chicago sang these songs. He also sang three straight songs. The next exhibition of the kinograph will be on Tuesday, June 15, and all week. The prices are very low. Adults, 20 cents; children, 10 cents. A very nice entertainment for a small sum.

## Among the Churches

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

—St. Joseph's Parish, Mass at 9:30 a. m. High mass first Sunday of month. Pastor J. A. Bollman.

—St. Paul's German Evangelical church on Grove street, Sunday school at 1:30 p. m. Church services at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Mertlach.

—Methodist Episcopal Church. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m.; public worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12:05; Epworth League at 6:20. All are cordially invited.

—There will be no preaching at the Evangelical Church Sunday morning, Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior at 2:30 p. m. Y. P. A. at 6:45, and English preaching at 7:30 p. m. In the morning the pastor will attend the commencement services at N. W. C. Naperville, Ill.

—At the regular morning hour, 10:15, the Baptist church will observe Children's Day, the entire program being in the hands of the Sunday school. A very choice program has been arranged by the little folks. All not otherwise engaged are invited to be present. B. Y. P. U. service at 6:30 p. m. There will be no evening service.

—The Congregational Sunday school is desirous of having white flowers and pennies for decorations Children's Day, also pansies and violets, and requests if any of the friends have some to send them up to the church tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon about 3 or 4 o'clock, or call up 791, and same will be called for. Children's Day program Sunday, June 13, 11 a. m.

—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church—During the months of May, June and July services will be at 11 o'clock in the morning, excepting on the first Sunday of each month, when there will be evening prayer at 7:30 p. m. and the morning service will be omitted. There will be a celebration of "The Holy Communion" on the third Sunday of each month. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

Gathering Ammunition.  
"What makes you think our new congressman is going to be so successful as a speechmaker?" said one contestant.

"Because," answered the other, "whenever he hears a story that strikes him as funny he goes into the hall and makes a note of it in his memorandum book." — Washington Star.

The Test.  
To paint one's vagrant fancies with a stick dipped into ink  
And make 'em readable's a job at best;  
But to have to think up something when you don't know what to think,  
Is what puts the glum-browed joke-smith to the test.  
—Kansas City Times.

## NEW MANAGER.

Announcement was made early this week by officials of the Chicago Telephone Company of a change in the management of the Downers Grove and Hinsdale exchanges. Raymond N. Patchen, who has acted as local manager for several months, has been transferred to La Grange, to succeed Manager H. H. Holmes, resigned. Mr. Holmes expects to leave shortly for Colorado to reside.

Succeeding Mr. Patchen is J. C. Wylie, for nearly ten years an employe of the telephone company. Having served in various capacities, Mr. Wylie is familiar with every phase of telephone work. For a time he was manager of the Rogers Park exchange, and has recently been connected with the commercial department at Joliet. He assumed his new duties on Monday of this week.

The appointment of Mr. Wylie to so important a position as the Downers Grove-Hinsdale district, is in the nature of a merited promotion. He began his work with the full confidence of the telephone company.

## CALIFORNIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Riddler entertain for Captain Burt, Who Leaves for Philippines.

Captain William Burt, U. S. A. who has been spending some time with his father on Michigan avenue, started yesterday for the Philippine islands to rejoin his command, which is stationed there. On Thursday evening he was the guest of honor at a pleasant farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Riddler, 1091 Chicago street. The following gentlemen were present: Arthur C. Tubbs, Clarence Babbitt, L. P. Boynton, George Burt, B. M. Muzey and Alvirck A. Pearson. By common consent the entire evening was spent in questioning Captain Burt upon his experiences in the Philippine islands and in listening to his graphic description of the Filipino people, among whom his duty as an officer in the regular army has thrown him. At a late hour the party repaired to the dining room, where substantial refreshments were served most attractively. The table and room were lavishly decorated with cut flowers and flags, the service being in charge of a colored waiter, colored for the occasion, very deft and well trained.

After leaving the table the men lighted their cigars and for a long time continued their first-hand discussion of the peculiar conditions existing in the distant islands over which Uncle Sam has been called to rule. When the party broke up thanks to the jolly host for an evening of unusual pleasure were mingled with farewells to Captain Burt and hearty wishes for his safe and early return from his foreign station. Captain Burt has made many warm friends during his several visits here, friends who will regret to learn of his departure.

## WORKING FOR THE CITY.

A man who, like many other men of experience, likes to point his theories with a story, is deeply interested in the government of the small city in which he lives. He has been much distressed at the obvious waste going on in department after department before the eyes of every one. One day, in the desire to investigate conditions at first hand, he had the little experience which he afterward told as follows:

On Pleasant street I found five men sitting on the fence by the roadside. One of them was dressed in a very handsome suit of clothes, and the others were plain workmen. In the road stood a dump-cart just over a place where the macadam had worn through.

I said to the man in the good clothes, "What are all these fellows waiting for?"

"They're going to repair that break in the metal," he replied.

"Are you working with them?" I asked.

"No," said he. "I'm here just to see that they work."

"What does that big chap with the sweater do?"

"He drives."

"What about the man next him—what does he do?"

"Why, he takes out the pin in the cart when it comes to dumping."

"I see. And the other two?"

"Oh, they're just diggers, both of 'em."

"But why don't they dig, then?"

"They haven't got any shovels, sir, and we're waiting for the superintendent of highways to come along, because we haven't got anybody to send for them."

I found that the shovels were in a city barn just up the street, so I went after them myself, and had the satisfaction of seeing at least two of the gang begin to scratch gravel.

The well-dressed man started in watching them work in earnest, and there I left him.

## LADIES' ATTENTION.

If you want strictly first class, up-to-date dressmaking, call at 12 E. Currier street, from 2 to 5. Mrs. Jennie V. Huff.

## OUR HUSTLING HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Highway Commissioners at its meeting last week voted to create two drainage districts. No. 1, known as the Atwood district, will start at the Carter farm and run one and one-half miles east, draining about 850 acres. The other, known as No. 2, or the Cramer district, will start at the Carter farm and run northeast four or five miles, draining about 1,200 acres. The road running west past the Atwood place has been fixed up with stone and is now in first class shape. The present highway commissioners are certainly fulfilling their obligations to the limit, and if they will continue the good work another year or two Downers Grove township will not have a poor road in it.

## JUNE WEDDINGS.

CUNNINGTON-PITCHER.  
One of the numerous weddings of the week came as a distinct surprise to the many friends of both parties, when Miss Jennie Cunningham Askew became the bride of Mr. Hugh Cyril Pitcher, of Downers Grove, on Tuesday. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, on West Maple street, at 10:30 a. m., by the Rev. O. E. Clapp, of the M. E. Church, and was witnessed by the immediate relatives only. The bride wore a gown of white Japsi batiste, with trimming of French valenciennes and olive lace, her traveling suit being of olive green serge, trimmed in gold lace. The bridesmaids were Miss Ruth Cunningham, a niece of the bride, and Miss Edith Yale of Peoria, a cousin. Their gowns were of white French lawn, trimmed in valenciennes lace. Albert W. Pitcher, of Emington, acted as groomsmen. The bride entered on the arm of her father, Thomas Askew, who gave her away. The home was faintly decorated in roses and southern smilax.

Immediately after the ceremony the guests sat down to a three-course wedding breakfast. The couple left on the 1 o'clock train for Downers Grove, where their new home is ready for occupancy.

The bride is one of Chataworth's own daughters, having been born and raised in this community, and is the eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Askew, of Charlotte Township. Since infancy she has made her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, of this city. She is a graduate of the Chataworth high school and also of the stenographic course of Bushnell, Northwestern Normal. She is a cultured and accomplished lady and is popular in a large circle of friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pitcher, one of Emington's respected families, and is employed in L. Klein's meat market at Downers Grove, where the couple will be at home after July 1.

The following out of town guests attended the wedding: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Yale and daughter, Miss Edith, of Peoria.—Chataworth Plaindealer.

## Local Happenings

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author; not necessarily published, 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.

—Reporter Phone 292.

—G. W. Fisher spent Thursday in the village.

—Miss Carrie Winter is enjoying her vacation.

—The surest way to get hard up is to take things easy.

—Mrs. B. Waples and children left for Seattle on Saturday.

—Mrs. Adah Anderson is slowly recovering from her illness.

—Mr. Straube spent last week on his farm in Hamilton County.

—Businesses never stand still. They are either going up or down.

—D. G. Graham has Downers Grove Improvement Bonds for sale.

—Miss Lucy Schaub was a visitor in town for a few days last week.

—Mrs. John Gillispie and Mary started for Spokane Tuesday.

—Screen wire, black and galv., from 18 in. to 48 in. M. Plevka & Co.

—Mester George Bunge gave a little party at his home on Wednesday.

—G. F. Greenwood has been away on business for several days this week.

—Mrs. W. M. Straube entertained a number of friends at dinner on Sunday last.

—W. H. Edwards entertained his sister-in-law from Indiana over Sunday.

—E. J. Patelski of Chicago was a visitor in the Grove last Friday evening.

—Miss Nixon of Maryville, Mo., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Brunson.

—Miss Margaret Sullivan of Chicago spent Sunday with Miss Ethel Thompson.

—Mrs. Crane visited her daughter,

Mrs. Banker, over Sunday and Monday.

—Mrs. J. H. Lipsey and son have returned from a week's sojourn in Chicago.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barr and wife returned from a trip on Tuesday afternoon.

—C. E. Oldfield was successful in closing up three real estate deals last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Petersen entertained a cousin from Chicago the last of the week.

—Miss Trumbull of Chicago spent Sunday at the Sacksteder home, south of town.

—Miss Edna Simonson entertained the Iota Theta Pi Sorority on Monday evening.

—Kindergarten has closed for the month of June and will re-open on July 5th.

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

—Miss Jean Adams had as guests over Sunday a party of young friends from the city.

—The gift of gab is valuable in the selling of goods, but mere words are not arguments.

—Mr. Thomas and family from La Grange are settled in their home on Warren avenue.

—Miss Babe Riel gave a pleasant drive to a few particular friends on Tuesday p. m.

—Orders taken now for STRAWBERRIES and CURRANTS.

E. E. EASTON.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bablin of Clyde spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White.

—Mrs. Frank Winsor and son of Arizona are visiting at the home of her brother, E. J. Dietz.

—Miss Madie Thompson of Batavia will make her home with Mrs. E. O. Stanley for the summer.

—FOR CHOICE HOME-GROWN STRAWBERRIES RING UP TELEPHONE 806. A. E. Selter.

—D. C. Stanley was taken sick on Sunday evening, but is very much better at the present time.

—Miss Rose Bunnell left for Kentucky Tuesday, where she will spend her vacation with relatives.

—Stark's ice cream, the finest served on the market, at Mrs. Wimmer's, 108 South Main street.

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

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—W. H. Edwards expects his mother and daughter to spend several weeks with him during the summer.

—If you have an old piece of furniture try our chinamel on it. You will be agreeably surprised. M. Plevka & Co.

—The village authorities will prosecute anyone caught throwing paper or rubbish into the fountain at the park.

—Charles T. Goewey visited Mrs. Puffer, Mrs. Berner and other friends in the village for a few days last week.

—I. G. Murray of Highland avenue is renovating and improving his handsome property, corner of Highland and Chicago avenues.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Burt of Curtis street spent Sunday evening visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harthorn on Oakwood avenue.

—After making an extended visit with friends in Battle Creek, Mich., Mrs. A. H. Radke has returned to her home on Foote avenue.

—Do you wish to buy a lot, and have a home built according to your plan, on easy payments? If so, call and see us. Naramore & Foster.

—J. H. Herkins left for an extended trip to the Alaska-Yukon Exposition and Pacific Coast cities. He expects to be gone about four weeks.

—Henry Dicke met with a painful accident Tuesday afternoon, cutting his hand on a machine. Dr. Bebb attended him, sewing up the cut.

—Dr. T. F. Leech and J. H. Griffiths were visitors in America Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Chicago last Saturday.

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## OBITUARY.

### Mrs. Charles Roberts.

The many friends residing around Downers Grove have heard ere this of the death of Mrs. Charles Roberts of La Salle, Ill., formerly Miss Emily Heartt of Cass, Ill., which occurred at La Salle, Ill., May 22, 1909. We print herewith an account of the funeral services and a short obituary taken from the Daily post, published in La Salle, May 24.

Mrs. Emily Roberts, the daughter of William J. Heartt and his wife, Susan B. Heartt, was born on the Heartt homestead, at Cass, DuPage County, Ill., May 1, 1857. She was reared on the farm, attended school in the home district, and remained at home with her sister, Jerusha, to care for her parents until her mother's death in 1888, when they kept house for her father until he passed away in 1891. She and her sister remained at Cass for some years, when they broke up housekeeping, and Miss Emily came to La Salle to care for a relative, Mr. Smith Roberts. On May 31, 1904, she was united in marriage to Charles Roberts of this city. For the last two years of her life she was a constant sufferer, and spent most of that time in San Antonio, Texas, in search of health, her sister, Miss Jerusha Heartt, being her constant attendant and companion. But the search for health was in vain, and about the first of May they returned, to spend her last days with loved ones. Here the days of her suffering were ended, and she entered into rest May 22, 1909.

In early life she gave her heart to the Saviour, who has ever been a source of great joy and comfort to her through all of life's varied scenes, especially in the hours of severe pain and suffering through which she passed. A sweet and beautiful Christian spirit always characterized her life. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which she joined in childhood, at Cass, Ill.

Her husband survives her, together with two sisters and seven brothers, viz.: Miss Jerusha Heartt, who made her home with her sister, and who has so lovingly ministered to her every want during the past months of her great suffering; Mrs. Richard Evans, of Knox, Ind., who was permitted to render loving service the last week of her life; Edwin, of Chicago; George B., of Downers Grove; Ira E., of Cass; Chester, of Dakota; and Smith, Rolla and Frank L. Heartt, of Monticello, Ind.

Funeral services were held at La Salle May 24. After prayer at the home, services were conducted at the M. E. Church by Rev. W. H. Carwardine, who delivered a touching address on the many eminent qualities of the deceased, who is well known in La Salle, Ill.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Minnie A. Kiederer—In loving remembrance of our dearly beloved daughter Minnie, who died two years ago, June 9, 1907.

Relentless death among us come  
And bitter grief impart;  
It takes the loved ones from our home,  
But never from our hearts.  
Although your hand we cannot clasp,  
Your face we cannot see,  
Yet let this little token tell  
That we remember thee.  
FROM SORROWING PARENTS.

## Why the Earth Cannot Explode.

The theory is frequently advanced that planets and even suns sometimes explode and that the earth may someday blow up like a bombshell. No celestial body the size of the earth could possibly explode. If the entire molten interior of our globe could be replaced with nitroglycerine and detonated the explosion would not lift the earth's crust. In other words, if we assume that the crust of the earth is from fifty to a hundred miles in thickness it would require something much more powerful than even nitroglycerin to burst the shell. It is necessary only to do a little figuring to see that the pressure of the earth's crust at a depth of from fifty to a hundred miles far exceeds the pressure exerted by the most powerful high explosive.—Hudson Maxim.

## Downers Grove Fair

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