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GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Half a century ago, August 30, 1859, Israel P. Blodgett was married to Miss Mary Morton Blodgett, and this week marked the celebration of their golden wedding. Because of the ill health of Mrs. Blodgett, who for some months has been an invalid, the event was quiet, and none but the family were present. In spite of his advanced age, 86 years, Mr. Blodgett is hale and hearty, and has a wide acquaintance. His experience of men and things extends from coast to coast, for he is one of the few surviving members of the multitude who in the early days of the gold fever, crossed the plains and mountains to the wonderful California country in the year '49. Israel P. Blodgett was born September 14, 1823, in Amherst, Mass., and came to Illinois in 1831. The Blackhawk excitement was then sweeping the prairies of this State, and with other settlers, the newly arrived Blodgetts took refuge in the stockade known as Fort Naper, where the village of Naperville is now situated. In March, 1849, Mr. Blodgett headed west and, after a toilsome journey with ox teams, reached the coast. He did not return until late in the year 1858. For years the Blodgett home was on the farm west of Downers Grove, but for a long time Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett have resided in the home on Warren avenue, where the golden wedding was celebrated. Mrs. Blodgett was born in 1823, and came west in 1858, the year Mr. Blodgett returned from California. The relatives who were present at the anniversary dinner were the children, Edward A. Blodgett, wife and two sons, of Green Bay, Wis.; Charles P. Blodgett and wife; and Cora C. Blodgett, and Ellen M. Blodgett, a sister of Mrs. Blodgett.

Aug. 30th, 1909.

To Mr. and Mrs. Israel Blodgett, Parents of Our Dearly Beloved Lady Commander.

On this, the golden anniversary of your wedding day, we come to you with greetings from the heart, thankful to God for His wonderful care over you, and joyful in the knowledge that so many peaceful hours of life's journey have been enjoyed by you and she who, fifty years ago, pledged to love and live together until death do you part.

That your lives have been to us a living example of purity, uprightness and honor, we wish to testify.

May you live to enjoy many more blessings together in the sincere wish of your faithful friends,
THE LADIES OF THE MACCABEES.

It cannot be very hard to get plenty of news for an English newspaper, as the following from the St. James Budget indicates: "The prince of Wales, in inspecting the coast guard at Newquay, was passing a petty officer, when he stopped and turned back. 'Aren't you Goddon?' he asked. 'I am, sir,' said the gratified petty officer. 'Were you not with me in Canada twenty years ago?' 'Yes, sir,' said the officer. Mr. Goddon had been leading hand in cross trees when his royal highness was midshipman of the top. 'Give me your hand,' said the prince, with a smile. 'I hope you will have a long and enjoyable career in your present position.'

Olive trees live 4,000 years. Some trees on Mount Olivet are 3,000 years old. The largest olive ranch in the world is in Los Angeles, Cal.; ten times bigger than any in Spain. Olive groves in California were planted by Spanish fathers several hundred years ago.



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DEATH OF MRS. KATE BIBBINS.

After a brief illness of a few days, Mrs. Kate Bibbins, who has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Cora Bart, 90 West Curtis, passed quietly away. Mrs. Bibbins had been unusually well up to the time of her recent illness, which occurred Tuesday, Aug. 24. Even then there were no alarming symptoms, but on Thursday complications set in which finally proved fatal. On Friday morning at 7:30 she passed away.

SOCK SOCIAL.

There will be a sock social Saturday evening, Sept. 4, at the home of Rev. Maggie T. Elliott, East Grove. Come and help a worthy cause. Ice cream and cake served. Everybody welcome.

TUNNEL COSTS MANY LIVES.

Boring 7 1/2 Miles Under the Alps Takes Heavy Toll.

Those engineering difficulties whose conquering seemed such a marvelous feat of the boring of the Simplon tunnel are made to look insignificant by the obstacles that are being encountered in running from the Simplon a spur that will connect with Berne and open a convenient means of entering Switzerland. The toll of life in boring this spur has been appalling, says the Boston Post. Avalanches have fallen, burying workmen in their runs, rivers have opened holes and fallen into the tunnel, drowning those at work there. At first sight the project did not seem to be one of staggering difficulties, especially with the success of the Simplon tunnel in mind. The Simplon tunnel is 12 1/2 miles long; St. Gothard is 9 1/2 miles; Mount Denis 7 1/2 miles. The latter is about the length required for the spur from the Simplon to Berne.

The expectation of those in charge of the work had been to see it completed by 1911. The inauguration of the work justified their optimism. From the first day, Oct. 15, 1906, until May, 1908, not a single serious interruption was encountered, everything going along in most perfect shape. The first blow to the prospects came in the form of an avalanche in the closing days of May.

The mysterious forces of nature that brought death to thirty workmen gave no advance indication, but suddenly near Groppenstein there came a crash and uproar, and when rescue parties began their investigation they found not only dead and maimed bodies on all sides, but they found the works almost completely ruined. A fresh start was necessary.

Only two months later, July 22, 1908, came the next visitation. The boring had gone to the distance of nearly two miles when an explosion occurred. As a result a great hole was torn in the roof of the work, a gaping aperture seventy yards square, through which fell the waters of the river, completely flooding the whole tunnel and drowning sixty workmen.

So terrible was the damage wrought that it was decided to be absolutely out of the question to go further at this point, and the scene of the operation had to be transferred from the north to the south mouth, near Groppenstein. Not less than one year's time was lost by this crash, and now the workmen have been so intimidated that they will go ahead but slowly for fear of encountering similar experience at other points.

Traveling cooking schools are being sent out all over the German empire by the government.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF COUNTY FARM.

In commemoration of the 21st anniversary of the purchase of the County Farm the supervisors, ex-supervisors, county officials, circuit court judges, legislators and several invited guests, numbering over one hundred in all, gathered at the farm last Wednesday to celebrate the occasion.

Those attending from Downers Grove were Capt. Rogers, J. W. Rogers, Frank Rogers, Guy Bush, G. H. Bump, C. B. Blodgett and Frank Cramer.

The guests were conveyed to the farm in buses and on arrival were greeted with music furnished by the Glen Ellyn orchestra. A. H. Fairbanks, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, welcomed the guests in a few well-chosen words, after which the meeting was put in charge of Amos Churchill, chairman of the farm committee. Attorney Cooper of Glen Ellyn told of the early experience of the board in securing the county farm, telling of the benefits derived by the county from the present institution, of its high standard, in consequence of which all citizens of the county may feel justly proud.

H. C. Middaugh of Clarendon Hills, who was a member of the board when the County Farm was purchased, gave a few reminiscences of the trials experienced by the board at that time. He said that prior to 1888 the various townships cared for their paupers and mildly insane through the township supervisors. As the number increased it became almost impossible to get a representative man to take the office, as the duties of caring for these unfortunate much overbalanced the office. In 1888, at a meeting of the board, the question was discussed, whether to favor the erection of a building on the court house grounds and others favoring the purchase of a farm remote from the city.

The farm proposition carried and the Curtis farm, the present site, was acquired. A building large enough to accommodate twenty-five inmates was erected, but in ten years this was found too small and a new fire proof addition, which is now the main building, was erected.

George A. Fischer, Wm. Hammer, Schmidt and others also spoke. The entire company then sat down to a bountiful repast prepared by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bartlett, the potatoes, sweet corn and chicken cooked in a pit. Tables had been arranged on the lawn, but on account of the threatening weather it was thought better to serve the guests in the dining room.

The present high standard of the institution is due in a large measure to the efficient management of Superintendent C. D. Bartlett and the untiring efforts of the Board of Supervisors.

My friends, if journeying through life Misfortune's bitter blast Assail you, and the County Farm Becomes your home at last. Oh, happy, then, if such your lot In poverty and age The poor man's home you sadly seek. To find it in Du Page. There Chester Bartlett, kindly soul, Rules with a peaceful wand. No harshness in his gentle voice, Nor whip lash in his hand. The old and helpless there recline Beneath the leafy trees, The while they view the landscape fair, Fanned by the cooling breeze.

No carking care disturbs their breasts, Content with wholesome fare. They calmly pass their days amid These scenes of beauty rare. Some may be there, wh happy lives In golden youth have led, To such, the hand of charity Doles ever bitter bread. No more unhappy souls you'll find In all this world wide. For happiness can never reside With poverty and pride.

'Twas mid the scenes of which I speak Where I was lordly dined last week In company with many a sage Renowned in beautiful DuPage. Men who have ever done their duty, Proud of their country's wealth and beauty.

'Al' Fairbanks welcomed us that day In his inimitable way. Professor Morgan spoke in praise Of men who in the early days, When we were in embryo state, Had toiled to make our country great. Bill Hamerschmidt of mighty birth, (No better fellow treads the earth) Forgot himself to see that all Were seated in the banquet hall. Judge Willis from the Fox's side Of great Kane County bled the pride, Judge Slusser, known both near and far, Famed on the bench, as at the bar.

The Honorable Guy Bush there The courteous, calm and debonaire. He, whom DuPage delights to honor, Said, "Poor house was a foul misnomer."

On every hand were signs of wealth, Contentment, plenteousness and health. With many more of high renown, Alas! could we have had Judge Brown.

The kindly heart, the open hand, Has passed into the lampless land.

The memory brings regret and pain Nor soon we see his like again. Yet, for us all upon the shore, The boat awaits to wait us o'er. I cannot claim your precious space To mention all who came to grace "Chet's" board upon that joyful day. Yet take the liberty to say Our county supervisors stand The peers of any in the land. Need they from pen like mine no praise. They tread no dark nor dubious ways. Their record stands an open book, In which the whole wide world may look. May each and all reach ripe old age. Enjoying life in fair DuPage.

JAMES E. KENNEDY.

MACCABEE PICNIC.

The Ladies of the Maccabees had a picnic in Lyman's woods last Saturday. Owing to the threatening weather there were not many present, but those that were enjoyed themselves to the limit playing games and running races. The races resulted as follows: Viola Neilson, first prize, box of stationery; Vera Dickson, second, a vase; Myrtle Neilson, first, burnt wood glove box; Irma Weitten, second, box of stationery; Edgar Henderson, first, fishing tackle; Roy Dickson, second, writing tablet; Ross Wolf, first, box of candy; Helen Hansen, second, cup and saucer; Mrs. Overholt, first, jardiniere; Mrs. Geo. Heinz, first, china bowl; Mrs. Zell, second, strainer; Alex. Henderson, first, ball; Esther Zell, second prize, ball; Alice Zell, first, picture; Mabel Henderson, second, pin tray; Leslie Henderson, first, knife; Albert Hagan, second.

GRADUATING RECITAL.

A few of our townspeople availed themselves of the privilege of listening to the graduating recital given last Thursday, Aug. 26, at Steinway hall, Chicago. The graduates were from the Columbia School of Expression and one of them was Miss Louise Stevens of our own village. The program was most excellent and one thoroughly appreciated by the large and enthusiastic audience in attendance. Miss Stevens, both in her reading, "Wee Willie Winkie" by Kipling, and as "Gladys Terrell" in "A Christmas Carol," a one-act comedy, by Margaret Cameron, acquitted herself in her usual splendid style and won many honors for her performance.

OLD PEOPLE'S SERVICE.

Arrangements are almost completed for an "Old People's Service" at the Congregational Church, Sunday morning, Sept. 12. Such a service is not common in this community, and every effort will be put forth to make this a profitable day for the aged people of the church and community. The pastor has had a favorable reply from a well-known and capable preacher of mature years, who will deliver the sermon. Special music will be arranged for and conveyances will be in readiness for those who will not be able to walk to the church. We hope that all the aged people of the community, who are able, will plan to be present at the service, and a cordial welcome will await them. Service will begin at 11 o'clock, and close at 12. For further information call up the pastor.

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.
—German Emanuel Lutheran Church services at the Congregational Church at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Nickle.
—Services at St. Andrew's Church Sunday, Sept. 5, will be as follows: 10:00 a. m., Sunday School; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. Geo. Davis Adams.
—St. Paul's Church of the Evangelical Association on West Maple avenue. Sunday services: Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.; German preaching, 11:00 a. m.; devotional meeting of the Y. P. A., 6:45 p. m.; English preaching, 7:30 p. m. Other services: prayer meeting, Wednesday 8:00 p. m.; Bible study, Friday 8:30 p. m.; Y. P. A. business meeting, second Monday of each month, 8:00 p. m. J. S. Stamm, Pastor.
—Methodist Episcopal Church—F. F. Farmiloe, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 o'clock; public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday School at noon. Epworth League at 6:30. The pastor will preach in the morning. In the evening Miss Helen Hewitt, of Cachuca, Mexico, will speak. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Probationers' class at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.
—Congregational Church—Morning worship at 10:30. Theme: "The Practice of Prayer and Meditation." Sunday School at 12:00. Men's and Women's Bible Classes. Regular School, C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Leaders, Josephine Paten and Edna Barrett. Evening service at 7:30. The evening service is bright and brief. You are welcome at all the services, but especially at the evening. The pastor will preach morning and evening.

In sympathy with the worldwide decline of business, the traffic of the Stues canal fell to 8,798 vessels last year, a decline of 47%, as compared with the previous year.

About the Schools

THE TEACHER'S TASK.

Next week the teachers to whom will be intrusted the care and training of the future men and women of Downers Grove, will be with us. To the unthinking this may call forth no special interest, but in reality it means everything, especially to the father and mother and to the child.

The really good teacher, the one who conscientiously tries, not once in a while, but all the time, to impress true ideas of right living, along with book learning, into the minds and hearts of the tender lives in his charge, is a real hero, or a real heroine. Perhaps there is no one whose responsibility is greater than that of the real teacher, because his influence is thrown about the child, not once in a week, but five days in the week during the school year. Shaping the destinies of the young lives in his care is no small portion.

It is the great, the supreme work in life, and to the man and woman, who, day after day, faithfully fulfills his or her task in the school room, we give our greatest praise.

Education is the most valuable thing in the world to a man or woman, but to a boy or girl it comes the cheapest. It costs nothing now to get that for which many a person would give all he has to possess.

An informal reception will be given to the teachers and members of the Board of Education at the home of Supt. Butler, 27 East Curtis street, Monday evening, Sept. 6th, from 7:30 to 9:30.

Our janitors are to be commended for their excellent work in cleaning and putting the school buildings in a wholesome, sanitary condition. Nothing adds so much to good school work as a school building that is clean, wholesome and inviting.

NOTICE TO PUPILS.

All pupils who failed in one or more studies in the different grades of the school last year, and have been studying during the summer and desire promotion, will be given an examination at the South Side building next Wednesday, Sept. 1st, beginning at 9 o'clock. Please be present if you wish to take the examination.

G. C. BUTLER, Supt.

Local Happenings

10 CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author; not necessarily in full, but as an indication of good faith on the part of the writer. Write only on one side of the paper. Do not use the letters and figures plain and distinct.

—Fine line of lap dusters at C. Penner's.
—Len Root and wife have a baby daughter.
—Francis Willis is suffering with a sprained arm.
—Miss Ella Riel was a guest in Chicago on Sunday.
—Miss Mildred V. Herkins is visiting at Oakbrook, Wis.
—L. M. Cook spent Saturday and Sunday in Sandwich, Ill.
—Miss Susie Edwards returns to Rochester, N. Y., this week.
—Miss Mabelle Marshall has gone home for a week's vacation.
—Paul Watts has returned from a two weeks' trip to Decatur.
—Mr. and Mrs. Wood were entertaining friends from the city.
—Mrs. McKee and two young children went to Riverview Tuesday.
—Archie Morden is spending a two weeks' vacation at Rockford, Ill.
—F. E. Wallace of Chicago was a Downers Grove visitor last Saturday.
—Miss Lillie Devereaux has returned home after a two weeks' vacation.
—Miss Bernice Farrar is visiting in Downers Grove from Grand Rapids, Mich.
—Mrs. Lamphere of Chicago visited her sister, Mrs. La Charty, last Sunday.
—Carl Donnegan entertained a few of his young friends on Tuesday afternoon.
—Miss Eva Lenahan was a guest at the home of L. M. Cook on Sunday last.
—Mrs. George L. Foster and daughter were visitors in Naperville last Thursday.
—Mrs. C. L. Sutherland is slowly recovering from a badly sprained ankle.
—Miss Fairweather left for a short vacation trip to South Haven, Thursday.
—Mr. and Mrs. Lew Edwards and family spent Thursday in Lincoln Park.
—Miss Ada Strubler, of Naperville, was the guest of Miss Alta Beldelman Sunday.
—A sister of Mrs. Watts of East Grove has been here visiting from Decatur, Ill.
—Jabez Burns of Payette, Idaho, visited his brother, James Burns, the past week.
—Mrs. C. V. Carpenter and sons returned from their summer outing on Monday last.

—Mrs. Stevens, a sister of Mrs. John Rutherford, died on Sunday last at Oak Park.

—Mr. Lee Beldelman and Henry Egert, of Aurora, spent Sunday at Pittsburg, Pa.

—Mr. and Mrs. Contman of Maywood visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. Jory on Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Poetter and little daughter were guests at W. H. Edwards' this week.

—It will pay you to look up the real estate bargains offered by F. D. Lindley on page 5.

—Weak women should read my "Book No. 4 for Women." It tells of Dr. Rook's Night Cure. Tells how these soothing, healing, antiseptic suppositories, bring quick and certain help. The book is free. Address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis.

—Kindergarten opened last Monday with a number of bright-eyed little folks in attendance.

—Mrs. McFaul and daughter Nellie from La Grange were visitors in the Grove last Thursday.

—The postoffice will be open for the delivery of mail at 7:30 a. m. Mail can be dropped as usual.

—Mrs. W. Farrar and daughter Bernice from Grand Rapids, Mich., are visiting in the Grove.

—George W. Fisher and wife were in the Grove looking over their property on Oakwood avenue.

—The stores will close at 10 a. m. Monday, September 6th, Labor day; there will be no deliveries.

—Mrs. J. C. White attended a dinner at the Waldeck Chapter, O. E. S., in Chicago Thursday night.

—Miss Jennie Hawkins of Chicago visited at the home of her brother, Mr. Hawkins, of Oakwood avenue.

—Mrs. J. Ewing, of Washington, and Miss Frank, of Ohio, were guests at Lemon Lodge the past week.

—Miss Ora Hood, of Laporte, and Miss Loomis, of Chicago, were guests of Mrs. W. D. Norton Tuesday.

—Mrs. E. E. Edwards was confined to her room last week by a severe attack of asthma, but is very much better.

—Frank Lamb and his mother have returned from Niagara Falls, Toronto and other points of interest in the East.

—Dr. Pierce, of Livingston, Montana, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of his cousin, Mrs. T. F. Kelly.

—Tomatoes by the peck or bushels, the finest tomatoes grown in the United States. Apply to T. F. Potter, of Phone 283.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burns returned Thursday from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Burns' father at North Cape, Wis.

—D. G. Graham has a new issue of South Washington street paving bonds for sale. They are in denominations of \$100 each and run ten years at 5 per cent annually.

—Miss Dora Kathary, of Hutchinson, Kansas, has been spending the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Kelly.

—Miss Bertha Mochel, Mrs. D. H. (Urborn) and Mrs. J. H. Griffiths attended Waldeck Chapter, O. E. S., Thursday night.

—Miss Bankey and Miss Kaufhold, of Muskegon, Michigan, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sass during the past week.

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HANDY-PHILLIPS WEDDINGS.

Last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Prof. George Butman Foster, of the University of Chicago, in a unique and simple manner consummated the union of Rev. George William Phillips and Miss Cora Jane Handy, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Handy.

Mr. Phillips has very satisfactorily supplied the pulpit of the Downers Grove Baptist Church, during the past year while he completed his college work at the University of Chicago. The bride has been well known among the young people of the town. For several years she has taken an interested part in church and Sunday school work, was also a member of the Arcadian Club.

The house was tastefully decorated with asters and smilax.

Little Dorothy Tinsley acted as flower girl and ring bearer.

After the ceremony dainty refreshments were served by three young friends of the bride.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Handy, from Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Handy, from Boston Harbor, Mich.; Mr. Edgar Phillips, from the University of Chicago; Miss Badio Thompson, of Hammond, Ind.; Mrs. Hattie Reid, of Chicago; Mrs. Bert Kabeiler, Miss Clara Dent, Miss Cora Wheeler, Miss Irene Tiffany, Miss Maude Lamb and Miss Marianna Ross, of Downers Grove.

Miss Ross played Mendelssohn's wedding march in a beautiful and impressive manner.

Many beautiful presents were received, showing the high esteem in which both bride and groom were held. Amid showers of rice and good wishes the young couple left for Tuscola, Ill., where Mr. Phillips occupies a pastorate.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Last week Friday lightning struck twice within a short distance of the home of E. G. Pfaff, 71 Saratoga street. The first bolt struck in the garden back of the house, making quite a hole in the ground. The second bolt struck a large tree in the yard, instantly killing a team of horses which had been tied there by their owner, Wm. Sandrock. Luckily the teamsters and men working on the street had sought shelter on the porches of adjoining houses. Mr. Sandrock, who is a tenant on the J. H. Venard farm, is a poor man, and a subscription list was immediately started by F. Kennedy and C. H. Shields to raise enough money to enable him to replace the team. Subscriptions can be left with M. E. Stanger.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Monday evening a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Zell surprised them with an unexpected visit, the occasion being their twentieth wedding anniversary. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing cards, and about 11 o'clock a lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Zell were presented with a set of dishes and glassware. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Steiger, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfersheim, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mochel, Mr. and Mrs. Staats, Mrs. Kireghaser, Val and Philip Wander and J. Vix.

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