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VESTA CHAPTER, NO. 242, O. E. S.

Entertains Grand Officers of the Order.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, was a gala day in the history of Vesta Chapter No. 242, O. E. S., this being the date set for the official visit of Mrs. Effie M. McKinley, Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Illinois and her corps of officers.

The festivities were ushered in by a luncheon in honor of Mrs. McKinley, given by Mrs. J. C. White. Those present were Mrs. Effie M. McKinley of Morris, Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Amalia Huehl, of Chicago, Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Ida G. Cove, of Leland, Grand Adah; Mrs. Natalia A. Leach, of Ravenswood; Committee on Confidential Circular; Mrs. Henrietta B. McGrath, of Blue Island, and Mrs. C. Mae McKee, of Chicago, Past Worthy Grand Matrons, and Mrs. Annie Griffiths, Worthy Matron of Vesta Chapter of Downers Grove.

Mrs. White was assisted in serving by the Misses Jennie Griffiths, Florence Foster and Winnifred Duthie. At 6 o'clock the Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church served a most bountiful and delicious dinner, about eighty partaking of the feast. The ladies deserve much credit for this undertaking, the dining room of the church being beautifully decorated in pink, this being carried out in the table decorations as well.

At the close of the dinner all repaired to the Masonic Hall, where the gavel sounded promptly at 8 o'clock. The hall was a beautiful sight with its decorations of American flags, bunting, flowers and lights, and reflects much credit on the decorating committee, and especial thanks are due to our fellow townsman, Mr. A. P. Daniels, for his kindness in furnishing decorations and also for his personal assistance.

The distinguished guests occupying seats with the presiding officers in the East were:

Mrs. Effie M. McKinley, Worthy Grand Matron.
Mr. Milton E. Robinson, Worthy Grand Patron.
Mrs. Amalia Huehl, Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Ida G. Cove, Grand Adah.
Mrs. Alice J. White, Grand Seal.
Mr. Madison Brower, Grand Sentinel.

Mrs. Henrietta B. McGrath, Past Grand Matron.
Mr. Harris W. Huehl, Past Grand Patron.
Mrs. C. Mae McKee, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Maud Robinson, Grand Representative of New Jersey.
There were about 125 in attendance, large delegations coming from Aurora, Naperville, La Grange, and Chicago. The degrees were conferred upon two candidates in a most excellent manner, the work being interspersed with music by a quartette composed of Miss Winnifred Haymond, soprano; Mrs. Helen Duthie, alto; Fred Duthie, tenor, and J. H. Griffiths, bass.

Miss Haymond and Mr. Duthie also favoring us with solos.
The singing of "Rock of Ages" by the quartette was one of the striking events of the evening.

As this was the inspection of the ritualistic work by the Worthy Grand Matron, the officers and members were well pleased at her words of commendation. At the close of her address the Associate Matron, Mrs. Clara B. Nash, assisted by Mrs. Grace Blodgett, Miss Beulah Simonson, Miss Bessie Nash, Miss Bertha Mochel, and Miss Elizabeth Krambs, officers of our central star, in a beautiful ceremonial presented our honored guest with a set of emblematic spoons.

This seemed to be a night of presentations, for following close came a presentation by Mrs. McKinley, in behalf of Vesta Chapter, to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Graves of a set of sterling silver tea spoons, not only in recognition of their many acts of kindness, but in honor of the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. They were escorted to the East, to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march. Both responded feelingly to the Worthy Grand Matron's gracious words of presentation.

Then Mrs. Susan F. Foster arose and in most beautiful language, voicing the love and esteem of the chapter members, presented to Mrs. J. C. White a beautiful rocking chair. It proved a genuine surprise, but was accepted in the spirit in which it was tendered.

P. P. Foskett mingled with the members and was heartily greeted by all. The chapter then listened to interesting addresses from the other grand officers, all returning to their homes feeling that it was good to have been there.

A New Jersey man has invented a lawn mower that can be used as a scissor lawnmower when the grass is being cut. He must be a pessimist who has no desire to be happy at any time.

HISTORY OF THE COUNTY FARM.

Compiled by the County Clerk,
H. F. Lawrence.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DU PAGE COUNTY RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF A COUNTY FARM.

At the request of the supervisors of Du Page county I have made a search of the records of the proceedings of the various boards leading up to the purchase of our present county farm, the number of acres and the cost of same, also the cost of improvements on said farm at the present time.

At a meeting of the board on August 10, 1880, Supervisors Glos, King, Rathje, Churchill, Curtis and Atcher were appointed a special committee to make investigation as to the advisability and expense of providing a place for the poor and incurable insane of the county with instructions to report at next meeting.

At a subsequent meeting the special committee made the following report: Your special committee beg to report they do not believe it expedient to take any action in the matter of the purchase of a county farm at this time.

At a meeting of the board on April 24, 1882, a special committee was appointed to report the most feasible and economical method of providing and caring for the poor and insane of Du Page county under the laws as they now exist.

Your special committee in the limited time allowed has been unable to investigate but one phase of the question submitted, viz: The legality of the county providing for these unfor-

lunate persons, and on this point find the county has such a right and refer the board to certain sections of our statutes defining its duties as to the care of its poor and in regard to the most economical plan, your committee is not fully advised and respectfully refers that matter to the full board and suggests that a special committee be appointed to thoroughly investigate this question and report to this board at their earliest opportunity.

On motion of Supervisor Churchill the same committee was continued with power to act.

At a meeting of the board on July 10, 1882, the special committee on county farm made the following report: Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the purchase of a county farm wherein the poor of the county shall be kept and also such of our insane as shall not be admitted to the state asylums, respectfully report they visited the county poor farms of Kane and Lake counties and find upon inquiry that the inmates in these institutions have better care than would be possible under the system now in practice in Du Page county, to wit: (Each township caring for its own poor.) That the expense of caring for our poor under the system now in practice is more than double the cost of Kane county and more than four times the cost of Lake county. Kane county has at the present time 73 inmates in its almshouse and the cost per capita per week we find to be \$1.36, including physicians' bills and clothing. Lake county has 40 inmates in its institution and the cost per capita per week for its inmates for four years last past we find to be 66 cents each, including all expenses. The Lake county farm was bought at a time when land was cheap and at this time is valued at \$18,000 and we value the Kane county institution at \$25,000.

The several townships of Du Page county have in the last five years paid for the care of its poor the sum of \$20,755, or an average of \$4.151 per year. An 80-acre county farm with good house, barn and outbuildings should not cost the county over \$15,000. Your committee would therefore report that in their judgment it would be for the best interest of the taxpayers of the county of Du Page to purchase a county farm and have its paupers and incurable insane cared for at said farm and at the county's

I. O. F.

At a regular meeting of Downers Grove Lodge, No. 30, I. O. F., following, last Saturday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. H. Griffiths, Noble Grand; Elvin N. Scher, Vice Grand, and A. D. Setty, Secretary. Next Saturday evening the "third degree" will be conferred on two candidates, and all members and visiting members are cordially invited to attend and assist in the work. Lodge will open at 8 o'clock P. M. sharp.

W. H. SHEFFER, N. G.
A. D. SETTY, Secy.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Last Saturday morning Frank Hawkins, while making adjustments and cleaning his auto, had his right hand caught between the friction disc and wheel, crushing three fingers so badly that for a while it was thought he would lose them all.

Dr. Gourley, who was called, treated the injured member and unless some unforeseen complication sets in he will save them all.

NOTICE TO GRAIN DEALERS.

The Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis extends an invitation to every grain and elevator man to come to St. Louis during the week of October 4th to 9th, and if he will send his name to this bureau a visitor's ticket to the floor will be issued, good for six days.

All who have ever lived in St. Louis are especially urged to come and take part in the Centennial celebration of the incorporation of the city.

Reduced rates on all railroads.
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MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will give a musical and literary entertainment at Modaff's Hall Friday evening, Sept. 24. A good program and pleasant evening is assured. Come and bring your friends. Admission 15c.

NOTICE.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 19, the two drug stores will alternate in closing Sunday.

BUSH & SIMONSON,
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NOTICE.

On and after Sept. 15th our drug stores will close at 8 p. m. every evening except Saturdays.
MODAFF'S PHARMACY,
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REMOVAL NOTICES.

B. Roth, the tailor, has moved from 15 Railroad street to 22 South Main street, formerly occupied by the News Agency.

The Downers Grove News Agency has moved from 22 South Main street to 15 Railroad street, formerly occupied by B. Roth, the tailor.

YOUR BUSINESS SOLICITED.

Having purchased the express and moving business formerly conducted by Harry Blodgett, I am now better than ever prepared to handle the business of this city and vicinity in a most prompt and satisfactory manner and invite your patronage. Special attention given to the hauling of trunks and baggage.
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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.

—Rev. Babcock will preach at the Baptist Church morning and evening. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.

—German Evangelical St. Paul's Church on Grove street, services at 7:30 p. m.

REV. TH. MERRACH.
—Services at St. Andrew's Church, Sunday, September 19th, will be as follows: 10:00 a. m., Sunday school; 11:00 a. m., Litany, sermon and Holy Communion.

GEO. DAVIS ADAMS.
—Congregational Church—Morning worship at 10:30. Theme, "The Supreme Need of the World." Sunday School at 12. This hour will be given over to "rally day exercises." C. E. at 6:30; leader, Miss F. Spahr. Evening service at 7:30. The pastor will speak morning and evening. A welcome extended to all.

—Services at the Evangelical Church on West Maple avenue, Rev. I. H. Hauptfeurer, of Evanston, Ill., will preach in the German language at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Y. P. A. at 6:45 p. m., and at 7:30, Mr. Strasser, better known as "Blind Willie," will give a sacred concert. Blind Willie will sing at all the services. He is a musical genius and all who have heard him will gladly hear him again. Every one is welcome!

On the Bowers a dope gun is called a sewing machine.

SPORTING NEWS.

BASE BALL I

DOWNERS GROVE VS. Q. LAST SATURDAY.

The best game of the season was played on the local diamond last Saturday afternoon when Downers Jr.'s (as some people call them) defeated the crack team of the general office of the Q.

It was a great victory for our boys, because they haven't been playing up to scratch lately.

But undoubtedly Duncan was the star of the game, as he struck out thirteen of the batters that faced him. He was steady when the batters got him into a hole, as three times he struck out men who had two and three called on them.

Game by innings:
First—Downers Grove: Shanabrook flied out to Greenwood. Duncan struck out. McLean out to Morrell. No runs.

Q: Bercheld struck out. Benson struck out. Ashley out, Shanabrook to Binder. No runs.

Second Inning—Downers: Manchester out, Besley to Bercheld. J. Allison flied out to Bercheld. Binder singled. F. Allison struck out. No runs.

Q: Austerer out, McLean to Allison. Hazzard struck out. Greenwood singled, caught on third. No runs.

Third Inning—Downers: Mounter struck out. Gollau out, Austerer to Morrel, Shanabrook out, Besley to Morrel. No runs.

Q: Morrel struck out. Emmons fouled out to MacLean. Bercheld singled. Benson flied out to Shanabrook.

Fourth Inning—Downers: Duncan doubled. MacLean singled, advancing Duncan and MacLean and then was run out between second and third. Besley to Austerer. Allison out, Hazzard to Bercheld. Binder out, Benson to Austerer. Two runs.

Q: Besley out, J. Allison to Duncan. Austerer out, MacLean to Binder. Hazzard out, Duncan to Binder. No runs.

Fifth Inning—Downers: F. Allison flied out to Greenwood. Mounter out, Bercheld to Morrel. Gollau struck out. No runs.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

Downers Grove, Aug. 9, 1909.
The regular meeting for the month of August, 1909, was called to order by President Lindley.

Roll call noted present Trustees Dicke, Handy, Gallup, Ellis and Riel. Absent, Severus.

The minutes of regular meeting of July 12 were read and approved.

Village Collector's report for the month of July was read and ordered placed on file.

Village Treasurer's report for the month of July was read and ordered placed on file.

Report of Superintendent of Water and Light was read and ordered placed on file.

Mr. I. C. Copley of the Western United Gas and Electric Co. of Aurora, Ill., was present and addressed the Board with reference to purchasing the electric light plant from the village. Mr. Copley submitted an inventory of the electric lighting equipment, showing cost to replace with new \$15,851, and present value \$10,795, and submitted an offer to purchase for \$14,000, with privilege of using building, or \$12,000 without use of building, and after considerable discussion matter was taken under consideration and further action deferred until adjourned meeting to be held Monday, Aug. 23.

Claim Ordinance No. 219, an ordinance providing for the payment of certain claims and bills against the village was read and was as follows: F. D. Lindley, \$10; G. H. Bunge, \$15; Julius Severus, \$15; J. W. Handy, \$6; J. M. Riel, \$7.50; W. B. Ellis, \$7.50; Sam Curtis, \$10.75; Geo. Hoffert, \$69.32; W. H. Banker, \$72.33; C. H. Dicke, \$15; J. W. Rogers, \$50; Bert C. White, \$25; Modaff's Pharmacy, \$2.65; Q. Schmitt, \$5; American Contractor, \$12.75; C. H. Staata, \$42.65; H. F. Lawrence, \$24; C. H. Staata, \$3; Dicke Tool Co., \$5.10; P. R. Statton, \$1; Mertz & Mochel, \$3.55; P. A. Lord

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returned home from his visit to England last Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Linscott of Jefferson Park were guests at the Grove on Wednesday.

—Mrs. Wm. Straube entertained a few of her intimate friends at tea one afternoon last week.

Oh, Louie! you ought to come to Dicke's Hall, Saturday night and hear Tuttle imitate Goldstein.

—Grace and Marguerite Beldeman will leave to-morrow night for the west to be gone two weeks.

—Mrs. Bertha Willis entertained at cards on Tuesday evening at her pleasant home on Warren avenue.

—Miss Ella D. Smart returned to De Kalb State Normal School Monday to commence her second year course.

—Messrs. White, Mounter, Shaffer and Miss Leech, visited Miriam Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., Saturday evening.

—L. G. Avery and family have moved to Valparaiso, where Mr. Avery has a position in the law school at the college.

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

—Mrs. E. G. Lemon is visiting friends in the following towns in Michigan: St. Joe, Coloma, Watervliet and Millburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Caldwell spent a few days last week visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. J. Dunne, at Muskegon, Mich.

—Mrs. Philip Wander and Miss Emma Wander returned to the village last Sunday after a few weeks' visit at Avoca, Mo.

—The Y. P. A. of the Evangelical Church will give an auction social, Thursday evening, September 23d, at Modaff's Hall.

—Now is the time to advertise your property for sale, or if you are looking for an investment, look up the bargains offered.

—M. B. Downer and daughters, Helen and Gertrude, have returned after a most enjoyable four weeks' trip through the East.

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