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## Woman's Club

Throughout the land, as the club year draws to a close, watchers are casting up the inventories of the year's activities to see what of actual worth has been accomplished during the season. It is not so long since a woman's club was purely a means for individual culture. It was a very good thing in its way then.

But now it has grown beyond that, first to a recognition of community needs and now to a conscientious effort to meet those needs. It was to take an inventory of the year's work that the annual meeting of the Downers Grove Woman's Club was held in the club room on April twentieth.

Judging from the splendid reports given, the Club this year can view with satisfaction some good things accomplished. The public schools being as usual the main beneficiary of the Club's generous impulses.

The deficit on the international encyclopedia purchased by the Club for the school last year was paid and the Club further obligated itself to pay for a companion volume which will be published in July, thereby keeping the set up to date.

The various programs of the year have been instructive as well as entertaining and many of the members and friends found inspiration for better service in the study of domestic science.

The success which has been ours for the past two years has been due to the faithful, conscientious efforts of the president, Mrs. Geo. Knox, to whom the Club expresses its thanks.

The following persons were elected to active membership: Mrs. H. Sherman, Mrs. Howard Jones, Mrs. E. H. Huntington and Mrs. A. H. Barnhart.

There was also a provision made whereby all ex-members of the club desiring reinstatement may secure same by paying the initiation fee and the annual dues.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. G. C. Butler; vice-president, Mrs. J. C. White; recording secretary, Mrs. Alfred Heckman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edwin King; treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Davis; musical director, Mrs. George Knox.

## MAP OF NORTH AMERICA.

United States Geological Survey issues New Map of Continent.

How many people would guess that the Atlantic end of the Panama canal is on the west coast of Panama and that the Pacific end is on the east coast? Look at the map and see how the east coast of the isthmus becomes a west coast. Although there is nothing new in the publication of a map

of the continent of North America. It is worthy of note that the United States Geological Survey has just issued a large map of North America, 28 by 38 inches, in three colors. This is probably the most accurate general map of its character that has yet been published, and is particularly well adapted for school work. It is on a scale of 158 miles to 1 inch, which is sufficient to show in considerable detail the major geographic divisions, such as states and provinces. Colorado thus extends 2½ inches east and west and Cuba 4½ inches the longest way. The map is sold by the Director of the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., at the nominal price of 20 cents a copy, or at a discount of 40 per cent in case as many as 25 maps are ordered. This wholesale rate covers simply the cost of paper and printing.

## SHAKESPEARE.

The busy world pauses for a moment to honor the memory of the great dramatist born 348 years ago. For generations his mighty intellect has fascinated men's minds, his rich poetry charmed men's hearts.

Sunday evening, May 5, the Rev. Paul G. Viehe will deliver a lecture at the Congregational Church on "The Life and Works of Shakespeare."

In the following stanza Milton pays tribute to the genius of Shakespeare: "What needs my Shakespeare for his honored bones

The labor of an age in piled stones? Or that his hallowed reliques should be hid

Under a star-pointing pyramid? Dear son of memory, great heir of fame,

What need'st thou such weak witness of thy name?

Thou in our wonder and astonishment Hast built thyself a livelong monument.

For whilst, to the shame of slow-endavoring art,

Thy easy numbers flow, and that each heart

Hath from the leaves of thy unvalued book

Those Delphic lines with deep impression took,

Then thou, our fancy of itself bereaving,

Dost make us marble with too much conceiving,

And so sepulchred in such pomp dost lie

That kings for such a tomb would wish to die."

## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Chessman announce the marriage of their daughter, Alice Elizabeth, to Charles F. Smith of Beach, N. D. The young couple will make their home in Beach, as Mr. Smith is in business there.

## CROSSING ACCIDENT SADDENS VILLAGE

Three Killed at Grade Crossing.

Robert E. Puffer, his wife, Mrs. Jessie Puffer, and Mrs. C. M. Strebbe, were instantly killed last Monday morning on the Illinois Central tracks at North Riverside, when the automobile in which they were riding was wrecked by a fast moving passenger train.

Elmer Puffer, father of Rob, and W. V. Logan, who occupied the front

morning from the Henry Puffer farm, the home of Elmer and Robert Puffer. Mrs. Strebbe had spent the week end at the farm. Robert and his wife joined the party for the ride to Chicago, intending to return before noon, he being on his vacation.

The day was dark, windy and rainy and the roads were not good. Mr. Logan was at the steering wheel and as the fatal crossing was approached he stopped the machine. Elmer Puffer stood up and looked both ways along the railroad track. No train was visible to him.

The clutch was thrown into second speed and slowly the machine mounted the incline to the railroad track.

The front of the auto passed the



ROBERT PUFFER



MRS. R. PUFFER

seat of the automobile, escaped without serious injury, the impact throwing them clear of the tracks while the tangled wreckage of the auto held the three victims prisoners until their lives were blotted out.

Robert Puffer and his wife were well known in Downers Grove where they made their home and one of the saddest features of the terrible accident is that two little ones are orphaned by their death.

Mrs. Strebbe was the wife of the superintendent of the Studebaker company with which concern Elmer

track before the warning whistle was heard and then the engine crashed into the automobile carrying with it death for the three in the tonneau.

So great was the momentum of the train that the engineer could not stop until the wreckage had been carried far from the scene of the tragedy.

Physicians on the train revived Elmer Puffer and W. V. Logan and the story of the accident was soon told to sorrowful friends and relatives in the village.

Funeral services for Robert and his



ELMER PUFFER

Puffer and W. V. Logan were connected. The party started early Monday

wife were held Thursday morning at the Baptist Church. Interment was in the West Side cemetery.

## LOCAL NEWS

—The public library is growing in favor daily, there being up to this time 275 cards taken out, and the number is increasing at the rate of from 10 to 15 each library day. The reading table, on which are a large number of the current magazines of the day, is very much in favor, it being crowded day and night with both young and old. The library is certainly proving to be a popular institution.

—Complete line of photographic plates, films, paper and supplies at J. Perkin, 13 Railroad street.

—Mr. H. E. Elliott of Des Moines, Iowa, visited his sister, Mrs. L. B. Wells, last week.

—"Sylmar Brand" Olive Oil. There is none better. Buy it at Nash's.

—Professor Findley of Findley, O., spent Friday of last week with the Findley boys of Saratoga avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wells attended the wedding of Miss Genevieve Dewey of Stewart avenue to Mr. Gardner Coughlen, which took place at the Chicago Automobile Club.

—Amateur photographers to get the best results, let Perkin do your developing and printing.

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Mrs. MacLean of Highland avenue recently donated a number of juvenile

books to the public library which are duly appreciated and will surely find favor with the boy patrons of the library.

—G. F. Greenwood and family were in Downers Grove over Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster on Oakwoods.

—Miss Naomi Roblin is again a patient in a Chicago hospital.

—Mrs. William Heintz expects to return home from Chicago, where she has been a patient in the Homeopathic hospital.

—Harry Blodgett, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is reported as rapidly improving, a fact numerous friends are glad to hear.

—Patrons going to the city Tuesday morning stopped at the corner of Main street to watch the release of 44 homing pigeons by their owner, Oscar G. Licht of 1925 Center avenue, Chicago. Mr. Licht reported that all the birds arrived at his home in less than 20 minutes of their release. Mr. Licht is a breeder of homing pigeons and is the owner of blooded birds who have covered long-distance flights.

—Schulze's Bread—the "sanitary kind"—at Nash's.

—Barwell's Imported English lawn grass seed, 5-lb. bags, \$1.25. Golden Bantam Corn; garden seeds in all varieties; good flower seeds. At Nash's.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Waples are now located in their new home at 116 Prince avenue.

—Yacht Club Sailed Dressing at Nash's.

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## FROM THE HOUSETOPS



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## ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

The sixth entertainment of the Entertainment Course was held Monday night at the Auditorium, the "Stollers Quartette" being the attraction. This proved to be one of the best entertainments of the course and from the applause that greeted the various members the audience certainly appreciated the singing and reading of these four young men. It is to be regretted that financially the committee have been at a loss, they being quite a little behind on their expenses.

In order to make up this deficit the committee have decided to give an entertainment May 17 at the Auditorium, the attraction to be the Auxetaphone, in the Grand Opera "Faust." The Auxetaphone is something new, it being a combination of the Victrola and moving picture machine.

There will be over 1,000 feet of film exhibited and the entertainment should be a drawing card.

Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

## AT THE MOTIOPHOTOGRAPH SATURDAY, MAY 4TH.

HER POLISHED FAMILY (Mar. 13).—After spending two years in a boarding school, Emily Sprouts returns to her country home and discovers that her family lacks polished manners. The impending visit of her city beau, Edward Easton, is perhaps the pri-

mary cause of her fault finding. In due time Emily meets Easton and fetches him to the house. In the meantime the Sprouts family have donned their best Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes and are assembled in the parlor when the honored guest arrives. He is introduced to the family, but the exaggerated politeness with which he is met by the family amazes him to a degree of speechlessness. In the dining room the fun continues until the limit is reached, compelling Easton to depart. Easton is apprised of the real situation, returns to the house and is welcomed in the good old-fashioned way.

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