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OUR TOWNSHIP ROADS

The problem of maintaining our roads and highways in good condition grows more perplexing every year, as traffic grows heavier.

There is one lesson that you always hear emphasized by expert road builders which every official and worker who has anything to do with street maintenance needs to realize. That is that the least expensive way to maintain good streets is to remedy defects when they begin to show themselves.

Formerly the idea used to prevail among road builders that they could go over a road in the spring, and the resurfaced macadam or gravel, if put in good order, would last all through the season. But under modern motor traffic this is woefully insufficient.

Once a little hollow gets started in a gravel or macadam road, it is surprising how soon it scoops out into a deep hole. The little hollow soon becomes a mud puddle, it grinds out deeper and deeper, and soon the motorist is given a free trip over the "shoot the chutes".

If our road commissioners will keep watch of all these little hollows as they start, filling them up and rounding them over, a street can be kept in order without very heavy expense. If the holes are allowed to remain, in a season or two a heavy bill for resurfacing is rendered necessary.

In these days of long distance travel, when motorists are slipping about the country a hundred or more miles a day, a host of strangers passes through our place daily. If our roads are kept in good shape, our visitors carry away a favorable impression, and spread the good fame of this township far and wide. If they are jounced and jarred by deep holes and ruts, they curse our road commissioners, and all our works and ways, and declare that this is a slow, unprogressive township.

ENTERTAIN MANY MASONS.

Local Chapter "At Home" to Masonic Orders Along the Burlington Line.

Wednesday evening Marquette Hall was filled to its capacity when the La Grange Chapter, No. 207, Royal Arch Masons, were "At Home" to all the Masonic orders along the line. Invitations had been issued to all the lodges between Berwyn and Downers Grove and every place was well represented.

The affair was quite informal and was intended entirely as a goodfellowship meeting and to give the men opportunity to get better acquainted.

Two or three professional entertainers delighted the men and were helped out by the always popular Frank Webster of Hinsdale and Dr. McDonald of Riverside.

H. E. Patterson was called upon and spoke briefly regarding Trinity Commandery, the charter for which was granted a couple of weeks ago.

Men were present from the Downers Grove Chapter, Downers Grove Lodge A. F. & A. M., Hinsdale Lodge A. F. & A. M., La Grange Lodge A. F. & A. M., Riverside Lodge A. F. & A. M., Berwyn Lodge A. F. & A. M., and Cicero Lodge, U. D., A. F. & A. M.—La Grange Citizen.

DU PAGE COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Officers—George C. Butler, President; O. A. Waterman, Vice President; Carrie Roundy, Secretary; Emma Keller, Treasurer.

Executive Committee—H. B. Fisher, Guy Cantwell, L. A. Reiser, W. N. Hazelton, O. A. Waterman.

Hinsdale, Ill., Saturday, Oct. 12, 1912, High School Auditorium.

Program. Morning Session, 10:30.—"A Type Study in the Geography of the United States," Miss Anderson and Fifth Grade Pupils, North School, Hinsdale; Music, pupils of the Hinsdale Schools; Address on Geography Teaching, Supt. W. H. Hatch, Oak Park, Ill.

Intermission. Afternoon Session, 1:30.—"The Montessori Method," Supt. O. A. Waterman, Naperville; Music, pupils of the Hinsdale Schools; Address, "The Teacher, the Child and the Parent," Supt. W. H. Hatch.

Lunch served at the Congregational Church parlors.

FISHIN'.

"Supposin' fish don't bite at first, What are you goin' to do? Throw down the pole, chuck out your bait,

And say your fishin's through? You bet you ain't; you're goin' to bait. And fish, and fish, and wait, Until you've caught a basketful, Or used up all your bait.

"Supposin' success don't come at first, What are you goin' to do? Throw up the sponge and kick your self,

And growl, and fret, and stew? You bet you ain't; you're goin' to fish. And bait, and bait ag'in, Until success holds on your hook, For grit is sure to win." —Charles H. Meiers in Farm and Home.

The main trouble with good resolutions is that they don't go into effect soon enough.

RECITAL.

Miss Eleanor Cook appeared in recital at the M. E. Church as scheduled and the very closest attention was given during the hour and a half occupied by her work. Her readings were from Longfellow, Murray, Riley, Alice Hegan Rice and others, and showed her capable of presenting not only classics but works of a higher nature. She handled her characters in such a manner as to do her great credit, making good every report published in advance. Agnes Stevens and Cora Heintz, with their piano solos, and John Mochel, with his violin, pleased the audience greatly, and we are sorry they did not give us more numbers. The M. E. Ladies' Aid are happy over the financial returns of the evening.

Woman's Club

The Downers Grove Woman's Club held its first meeting of the season at their club room on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Mr. Harry Slusser gave a most interesting and instructive address on "Points in Law which Women Should Know." It is very encouraging to know that out of an enrollment of thirty-five members only five were absent at this first meeting. It is to be hoped that this record will be maintained throughout the year. To get the most out of the coming year we must put the most into it.

The meeting of the Eleventh District Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at Hinsdale on Oct. 17 and 18. It is the desire of the president that many of the club members attend this meeting, which is open to all, but entertainment is provided only for the five delegates who may attend. The following is the program to be held in auditorium of Hinsdale club house:

Thursday, 2:30 p. m.—Speakers and music.

Thursday, 8 p. m.—Reception.

Friday, 9:30 a. m.—Speakers and music.

Friday, 12:30 p. m.—Luncheon in parlors of Congregational Church.

1:30 p. m.—Visit to schools.

2:30 p. m.—Automobile ride for guests.

3 p. m.—Tea at Golf Club-house for guests.

GETTING FERTILIZER FROM AIR.

The Southern Power Company at its plant at Nitrolee, N. C., has a great surplus of power nine months in the year and, every night in the year. Hence its interesting experiments in making nitrate of lime from the air. The present plant has an output of eight tons of nitrate of lime a day, this being worth approximately \$50 a ton. The process is as follows: The air is drawn through oxidation towers and is then forced through electric arcs, where a terrific heat is maintained, the oxygen and carbon dioxide in the air being consumed leaving the nitrogen, which is precipitated in the form of nitrous oxide. This nitrous oxide is then conveyed to four immense porcelain towers, seventy-five feet in height, where it is condensed and allowed to settle in pans of limestone. The chemical reaction then results in the production of nitrate of lime.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 8, 1912, was given in honor of Albert Meyer's eleventh birthday. All joined in games and many prizes won, after which ice cream and cake were served. Those present were: Leo Wimmer, George Denney, Joseph Miller, George Miller, Charles Bertolin, Mildred Johnson, Ruth Boland and Anna Meyer. All enjoyed a pleasant time.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Tholin were agreeably surprised by friends and relatives to the number of seventy on their twenty-fifth anniversary, among the guests being his brothers from Rockford. Mr. and Mrs. Tholin were presented with a lot of silverware and a handsome buffet. All present had a joyous time until a late hour.

SLUMBERING PARTY.

Miss Edna Hemphill delightfully entertained her club sisters at a slumbering party and midnight spread on Saturday evening last. Those present were: Misses Marlon Dunnagan, Miriam Butler, Martha Farrar, Marie Olson, Inez Gustin and Edna Hemphill.

Truth Eternal.

All errors have only a time; after a hundred millions of objections, subtleties, sophisms, the smallest truth remains precisely what it was before. —Ancient Maxim.

LATE BOOKS JUST PLACED ON THE SHELVES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

"To Love and to Cherish," Eliza C. Hall; "Their Yesterdays," Harold B. Wright; "Polly of the Hospital Staff," Emma Dowd; "The Girl Who Lived in the Woods," M. B. Cooke; "Daddy Long Legs," Jean Webster; "Smoke Bellew," Jack London; "The Red Cross Girl," Richard H. Davis; "The Counsel for the Defense," LeRoy Scott; "The Street Called Straight," Anonymous; "Where There's a Will," Mary R. Rhinehart; "The Red Lane," Hollman Day; "The Music Master," Charles Klein; "Boyhood in Norway," H. H. Boyesen; "The Widow O'Callaghan's Boy," G. Zollinger; "Six Girl Series," Marion A. Taggart; "Six Girls and the Tea Room," "Six Girls and Bob," "Six Girls and the Seventh One," Betty Gaston the Seventh Girl, "Six Girls and Betty"; Marjorie Series, Carolyn Wells; "Marjorie in Command," "Marjorie's May Time," "Marjorie's New Friend," "Marjorie's Busy Days," Puritan Series, Mary Wells Smith; "The Young and Old Puritans of Hatfield," "The Young Puritans in King Phillip's War," "The Young Puritans in Captivity," "The Young Puritans of Old Hadley."

LOCAL NEWS

The people of this country want a President who will stand up in his boots and represent them in the fight against machine and boss rule. President Taft hoodooed his administration once for all when he permitted himself to be bluffed and dictated to by Cannon and Aldrich.

Has anything been accomplished to restore real competition in this country by the expensive and elaborate prosecutions of the trusts under President Taft? Apparently not, for trust controlled products are higher in price rather than lower.

The morality and well being of the community are absolutely dependent upon the health of the workers for our great corporations. The movement for shorter working hours for women, protection against child labor, better sanitation in factories has generally met with the opposition of the Republican machine leaders, who take their orders from the great corporations.

After reading the various opinions in the newspapers, the perplexed voter can assure himself of one thing, that the candidates are either the Angel Gabriel or Satan in person.

Mr. John Atzel, Sr. left Tuesday for West Baden with his brother, whose health is quite poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atzel entertained Mr. F. Farrell for several days the past week.

Miss Hazel Easton will give an entertainment at Lisle church on Friday, Oct. 18th, at 8 o'clock. The program will be under the direction of the Ladies' Aid Society. They have also arranged for several musical numbers.

Mrs. Jane Bateman has returned from Spokane, Wash., to her many friends in Downers Grove, after an absence of nearly a year. She is accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Daves, who will spend a short time in the village.

Mrs. W. H. Blodgett spent several days with her sister at Plano, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Plevka entertained their nephew from Chicago Sunday last.

About twenty-five members of Grove Lodge, A. F. & A. M., attended the smoker given by the La Grange Chapter, R. A. M.

Under Republican rule the industries and wealth of the country are steadily getting into the hands of a few people. The Republican party has let this situation drift along without accomplishing anything to prevent it. Measures like the income tax that would do something to counteract this situation have not been favorably received by the Republican party.

Mrs. Gates Arado entertained her sister and children from Chicago.

Mrs. Geo. Jefferson has recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. M. A. Sacksteder has returned from a visit with her son Stephen, who is in Colorado and reports a most delightful trip, with everybody happy and prospering.

Miss Anna Meyers is recovering from a severe cold.

Lewis Markle of Chicago visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harper on Gilbert avenue.

Formerly the members of the Electoral College were regarded as so many wooden Indians, but this year they are all being promised the job of ambassador to England if they vote right.

Hugh Pitcher, the accommodating butcher at L. Klein's, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, which he will enjoy with his family in a visit to his parents at Chadwick, Ill.

L. Huth has accepted a position in the local freight office.

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Are You a Money Saver?

Most every one expects to be a money saver some time.

Some expect to save when their income is larger; others plan to save when their expenses are less.

People who wait until they can save without effort rarely begin to save; they wake up some day filled with regrets because of the opportunities they have missed.

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CONGREGATIONAL AID SOCIETY.

In spite of the threatening weather last Thursday, about forty Naperville ladies responded to an invitation from the Congregational Aid Society to come over and take luncheon with them. A committee met the 11:12 a. m. train and escorted them to the home of Mrs. Minnie Prince where, under the efficient management of Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Kelley and their able staff of assistants, a most delicious luncheon was served, after which a delightful program was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Foster, in a few well chosen words, welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. Scott responded, after which Rev. Randall and Rev. Viehe gave short addresses in which they expressed great pleasure in the friendly

feeling existing between the organizations of their churches. Then followed violin solos by Mr. Geo. Nargney, accompanied by Miss Beaulieu Nash; duet by Mrs. Stillwell and Miss Martha Hillard, and readings by Miss Frances Hughes.

Thanks are due Mrs. Prince for opening her home on this occasion, also the various committees who worked so tirelessly to make the affair such a splendid success.

The guests took the 5:10 train for home, each expressing themselves as having had a most delightful day.

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