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HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDED

Present Quarters Inadequate—Tentative Plans Discussed.

From time to time as the occasion demands The Reporter in its columns intends to present village improvements which if installed would add to the present excellence of Downers Grove as a residential suburb.

First and most important of the improvements in the opinion of The Reporter is a new high school building. For years the children of the village have been hampered by lack of proper school facilities. In the past three or four years the number of pupils in the public school has greatly increased. The board of education has hesitated to ask the people to empower it to build a new school house, knowing that the special assessments and taxes have been a burden difficult to carry.

The expedient of dividing a large room into two small rooms has been adopted and classes have been enlarged beyond their proper limits to avoid the necessity of building. The limit of room has all but been reached. There are now some six hundred and fifty pupils in the public schools in District No. 53, the Downers Grove district. There are one hundred and fourteen pupils in the high school with the prospect of one hundred and thirty in the high school next year.

Under the direction of Professor George C. Butler the work of the school is gradually drawing away from the purely academic curriculum with the college or university as the ultimate goal of endeavor and progress is being made along what may be classed as "practical" lines. Manual training including a course in mechanical drawing has been installed on a firm basis. Chemistry with laboratory work and physical science with actual demonstration is being taught. A class in business training has been added. It is the intention to continue along these lines as well as firmly grounding the pupils in the three primal "R's" and to do this more room is necessary.

Many in the village have discussed the advisability of making a new school building serve as a social center where parents and friends could reap the benefits together with the pupils. Should such a plan as that be the wish of the citizens a school hall capable of seating from five to

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BURR DOWNS ENTERTAINS

One of the prettiest society events of the season occurred last Friday afternoon at the Boston Oyster House when Burr Downs entertained Budd Kellogg at a dainty luncheon. With true southern hospitality the handsome host urged delicacies on his guest meanwhile partaking sparingly himself of a pink frankfurter washed down with two or three cups of clear water. After the banquet Budd remarked that he felt better than he had since the Baltimore convention and Burr proceeded to a less attractive restaurant for something to eat. A slight difference of opinion several weeks ago on the outcome of the recent election was responsible for the joyful gathering.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A party of twelve young folks surprised Mrs. Josephine Austin last Saturday evening, the occasion being her birthday. The evening was spent in cards and music, later followed by a lunch. After spending an enjoyable time, all left wishing many, many happy returns.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 26, a Union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Congregational church. The Rev. Mr. Babcock, pastor of the Baptist church, will deliver the address. The offering will be devoted to the Maternity Home of the Salvation Army. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

YE EDITOR CELEBRATES.

Last Saturday evening a number of the friends of Christ H. Staats and his wife gathered at the Staats home and helped celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of the editor and his wife. A mammoth cake, the handwork of George Volkman of Chicago, was among the good things disposed of and a chest of silver "left" by the departing guests was a pleasant reminder that the quarter century milestone had been safely passed.

THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE IN A NEW FORM.

Beginning with the Christmas number, the American Magazine will have a new form. Its size 8 1/2 x 12 inches, its 180 pages, 92 big pictures, 19 color pages, and its "top-notch" contributions, with its attractive cover, make it one of the best 15c magazines ever published. Downers Grove News Agency.

MATTER OF THE OLD CEMETERY

Question Discussed by Writer—Library Also Touched.

Downers Grove, Ill., Nov. 20, 1912.

Mr. Editor:

For the past year a good deal of agitation has been going on in the village relative to removing the old cemetery on Main street and organizing a new cemetery adjacent to the west side cemetery. A number of meetings have been held at various times, but as far as the writer can learn absolutely nothing has been accomplished. It is certainly unfortunate that the plan cannot be carried through at this time, as it is understood that the Library Board are willing to furnish funds for removing the old cemetery providing they secure the site for a library building containing quarters for a village hall and auditorium. Now, what the writer would like to know, is why all this delay and is there anything to be accomplished by waiting any longer? If there is any good reason for the delay we think it only fair and just that it be made known and put criticism where it belongs and not on those who have been trying to push matters along. Another thing that should be taken into consideration is how long is the Library Board willing to wait for the old cemetery site? We understand they are now preparing plans for a public library and village hall combined which they intend to submit to the people very soon for their approval. If these plans are approved, it seems hardly fair that we should ask the Library Board to wait longer for the cemetery site as they are in urgent need of more space for library purposes.

Can't we infuse a little more life and business energy into this matter and thereby secure these much needed improvements or shall we sit idly by and allow this opportunity for removing the old cemetery and getting a much needed public building to slip past us?

It is a moral certainty that unless we take advantage of the opportunity now to remove the old cemetery it will never be moved.

PROGRESSIVE.

A HOLLAND INVASION.

In response to a quaintly worded invitation to a Dutch dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Bush last Saturday night ten pairs of wooden shoes clattered up the front steps and ten curiously clad persons invaded the Bush home. The Dutch dinner was ready—sausage, red cabbage, sour potatoes, herrings, anchovies, cabbage soup, onions, rye bread and cheese of ancient vintage graced the board. The host and hostess were unaware of the wooden shoe attachments of the guests until apprised of their coming by the clatter.

Some highly impromptu dance steps were executed on the waxed floor before room for the card tables and the wooden shoes was found. Later Guy devoted some time to replacing the floor wax which had been carried away on the sabots. A p t w h by all.

VICTORY COUNCIL HAS A SPREAD.

Some thirty-five members of Victory Council, Royal League, enjoyed a banquet in the lodge hall last Tuesday evening at which several of the grand officers of the order were present, among them being Advisory Archon Turn and Advisory Orator Rountree.

J. B. Huling was made toastmaster and brief talks were given by L. C. Mahoney, past archon; B. C. White, N. C. Pearce and others. The theme of the talks being the "good of the order."

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PRIZES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND EIGHTH GRADE.

The Downers Grove Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, have offered a prize of \$10 to the pupils of the high school, and Naper Post, Grand Army of the Republic have offered a prize of \$5 to the pupils of the eighth grade of Downers Grove schools, for the best essay on patriotism. These essays are to be read at the commencement exercises next June.

LOCAL NEWS

—Get your items in early next week on account of Thanksgiving. We will have to go to press one day earlier.

—The Firemen deserve your patronage and it is up to you to buy a ticket whether you go to the dance or not.

—W. A. Tope has enlisted in the U. S. Navy and is stationed on the repair boat Iris at San Diego, Cal.

—F. D. Lindley has sold a 275-acre farm this week.

—The road commissioners deserve credit for putting the Hinsdale road in good shape.

—Mrs. Julia A. Fraser, formerly of East Grove, is in the hospital at San Mateo, Cal., on account of rheumatism.

—Miss Inez Gustin is spending a vacation visiting relatives in Nebraska.

—Bob Carpenter spent Sunday at his home in this village, coming up from Galesburg.

—Mrs. L. B. Wells has recovered from her recent illness.

—Miss Johnson of Champlain, Ill., spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Manley.

—Mrs. Lou Parks entertained the North Side Thimble Club last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Shusser of Wheaton spent Sunday with their son and family on Highland avenue.

—F. D. Lindley has instructions to find three good sized farms for Chicago people. If you wish to sell better look him up.

Do your Christmas shopping early at the Catholic Church bazaar on December 5, 6 and 7, in Morris Hall.

—Earl Godfrey and wife have returned from New York and are making their home in Hinsdale.

—Mrs. A. B. Snow entertained on Friday with a card party.

—Miss Jennie Hawkins of Chicago spent Sunday at the home of her brother.

—Mrs. C. H. Staats attended the annual reunion of former pupils of the Foster school last Friday evening at the Calhoun school, corner Jackson boulevard and Francisco avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickson entertained about twenty-six Ladies of the Maccabees on their 32d wedding anniversary. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. The ladies presented them with a handsome cut-glass bowl.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Heyden and family of Naperville and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kline of Aurora were Sunday visitors at P. J. Roskoff's.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith of Evanston visited their sister, Mrs. L. C. Mahoney and family, last Sunday.

—Do not miss the Firemen's dance next Wednesday evening at Dicke's hall.

—G. H. Frey, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. P. J. Roskoff, has returned from Chicago, where he has been under the doctor's care for three weeks.

—Mrs. F. F. Chessman is slowly improving after a recent illness of two months.

—Mrs. W. C. Callender has returned to her home in Jefferson City, Mo., after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Chessman.

—E. H. De Groot, Jr., who has been for some years superintendent of the St. Louis division of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, with offices in St. Louis, was last week made superintendent of transportation of that road, with headquarters in Chicago.

—Mrs. L. B. Wells' mother is visiting her for a few weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Otto left Monday evening for Grants, New Mexico. Mr. Otto is a civil engineer and is superintending the construction of a coal site for Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Chicago.

—The Public Library is indebted to Mr. Fred E. Dove for a lot of fifty books which he kindly donated to the public library last week. The gift will prove very acceptable.

—The Missionary meeting which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. Elliott in East Grove on Thursday, Nov. 28, has been postponed until Thursday, December 5, and will be held at the same home at 2 p. m.

—Miss Ida Schmidt was a Naperville caller last Sunday.

—The special clearance sale at M. Plenka's hardware store will continue one week.

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MOTIOGRAPH NEWS

Saturday, November 23rd.

"THE GODMOTHER." A great college picture, the girls are without a conscience but the girls get wise and are (slightly) insouled?

"WHEN CALIFORNIA WAS YOUNG." A picture of interesting California.

NOTE.—Next Wednesday's entertainment postponed to Thursday, Thanksgiving evening. NOVEMBER PRIZE NOW ON EXHIBITION.

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