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WHOLE

HOLIDAY GOODS OFFERED BY LOCAL MERCHANTS

For the next few weeks the shoppers of this village will do well to read the advertising columns of the Reporter. The merchants are making greater efforts than ever before to close out their seasonable goods, and are offering as great bargains as are ever offered anywhere. They are not doing so out of philanthropy, but from a business standpoint.

The merchants have found that it is better to handle goods expediently at small profits than to drag them out over a long season at higher prices. So merchandising has come to be a matter of the weekly turning over of stock, rather than a yearly proposition, as used to be the case. They have also found that the quickest way to dispose of a stock of goods is through the advertising columns of the local paper. They have found it the least expensive way of disposing of goods and that means that the patron is benefited by the advertising in the newspaper, for the expense of selling goods must be borne by the customer and if it costs less through good newspaper advertising than otherwise, the merchant who uses the newspaper can afford to sell cheaper than the merchant who does not use the newspaper.

The handbill merchant of the olden days paid a big price to bring the facts concerning his goods to the attention of the consumer, for the handbill process is a more cumbersome and a more expensive one than the newspaper route. So it is safe to say that even at this late day the handbill merchant is not able to sell goods as cheaply as is the merchant who uses newspaper space.

The Reporter carries the advertising of the leading, progressive, up-to-date merchants of the village, and these merchants are making such offering at this time that the shopper can not afford to ignore the advertising pages of the paper.

GET TOGETHER MEETING.

A meeting of the church brotherhoods and men's church organizations of the village will be held at the Methodist church on Thursday evening, Dec. 12th. This meeting will be held under the auspices of the central committee. By reason of this being the first gathering of its kind, and the genial interest manifested in the central committee, a full attendance is

expected. A splendid program has been arranged, replete with entertainment, good fellowship and refreshments. The presence of citizens will be appreciated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Maple Grove Lodge No. 529, Knights of Pythias, held their semi-annual election of officers on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th. The following members were elected to fill the offices for the ensuing six months:

C. C.—J. H. Clamitt.
V. C.—C. E. Anderson.
Prelate—John Gollan.
M. of W.—E. Wood.
K. of R. & S.—H. F. Legenhausen.
M. of F.—D. J. Milley.
M. of E.—E. E. Bunge.
M. of A.—Stanley Jones.
I. G.—F. C. Lancaster.
O. G.—Thos. G. Vernoo.
Trustee—Levi Mertz.

The entertainment committee provided a splendid lunch and all present had an enjoyable evening. The members pledged themselves to send a large delegation to Chicago in February next to attend the meeting of the 1,000 class of new members at the Seventh Regiment armory.

PHILATHEAS.

At the election of officers for the ensuing year the M. E. Philatheas elected the following: Teacher, Mrs. C. E. Moore; assistant, Mrs. Ona Lower; president, Miss Carrie Barnmore; vice president, Mrs. E. R. Dickerson; secretary, Mrs. Carrie Jones; treasurer, Ella Dreese; membership committee, chairman, Mrs. Geo. Allison; chairman devotional committee, Mrs. Luella Lamb; social committee, Mrs. Joseph Clamitt; chairman publicity committee, Mrs. L. M. Cook; chairman visiting committee, Mrs. Victor Peterson; benevolent committee, Mrs. A. E. Olson.

The Congregational Philatheas met at the home of Mrs. Collier, East Grove, Saturday afternoon, November 30, for their monthly social.

A feature of the afternoon was a shower on their teacher, Miss Maude Bateman, who is leaving soon for Oklahoma, where she will spend the winter. The many dainty gifts she received prove the fact that Miss Bateman holds a warm place in the hearts of her friends. It is needless to say that she will be greatly missed in all departments of the church, but we wish Miss Bateman a pleasant trip and will be ready with a hearty welcome on her return.

Games and refreshments provided by the hostess and her assistants caused the time to pass rapidly and pleasantly and all too soon came the hour to go home.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL DANCE AT DICKE'S HALL THANKSGIVING EVE.

The annual dance of the fire department at Dicke's hall last Wednesday night was, as usual, a very pleasant affair, about eighty couples of young folks from Downers Grove and Hinsdale enjoying the music and dancing until 1 o'clock.

The fire department has given these dances for the last fifteen years and they have always been a success from the standpoint of those who attended, but financially there is much to be desired.

The housekeeper and property owner owe it to the department to patronize them by buying tickets for the dances even if they do not attend.

Have you ever stopped to think that the fire boys do not cost the taxpayers anything. They have spent about \$1,500 in the last ten years in building an addition to the village hall for their meeting room, in buying uniforms and attending firemen's tournaments and conventions. The boys deserve your support and we hope you will not forget them when they have their next dance and will cheerfully donate.

SCARLET FEVER AT LA GRANGE.

Village Health Chief Closes Suburban School for a Week—Five Cases Are Discovered—Children Believed To Have Contracted Disease in Classes.

An epidemic of scarlet fever is threatening La Grange. The village board of health yesterday ordered all children on the south side of the suburb to be kept at home. The school was closed for a week. If the spread of the disease is not checked the school will remain closed.

Five cases of scarlet fever have developed since Thanksgiving. There were two before. The children who have the disease are: Catherine Sackett, Mary Pierson, Helen Dillon, Louise Green, Benjamin Anderson, Maude Lane, Charlotte Wetstein.

All are in the first three grades. It is thought they contracted the disease from some companion in school. Dr. Charles F. McClure, commissioner of health of La Grange, examined the pupils and the teachers in rooms from which cases were taken. The entire building will be fumigated.

5-FT. ALLIGATOR FOUND.

Man Steps on Animal in Swamp Near McCook; Kills and Gives it to Girl.

Harry Cox was hunting ducks in a swamp near the town of McCook Saturday when he stepped on what looked like a perfectly good tree stump. The supposedly stump wriggled and jerked, and before he recovered from his astonishment a cavernous mouth opened and shut with a snap like a steel trap. Cox had stepped on the first and only wild alligator ever encountered in an Illinois swamp.

Both Cox and his companion, Oscar Barte, remembered they had a conveniently important engagement elsewhere and started to keep it. When the alligator did not follow them they decided to follow the saurian, and finally succeeded in killing it. They carried the carcass, which was five feet long, to the quarries of the Spangler Stone Company, and presented it to Miss Elsie Spangler, cashier of the company, who will have it stuffed.

An expedition to the swamp to satisfy demands of other female employees was unsuccessful, and it was suggested that the lonely beast had escaped from the hatchery at Forest Park and was headed for Florida to spend the winter.

T. W. S. CLUB SUPPER.

The T. W. S. Club gave a Bohemian supper in honor of Evalyn Brown's birthday at her home, Nov. 23. The girls presented Evalyn with a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums. The girls departed at a late hour, wishing her many more happy birthdays.

TWO PIONEERS OF NAPERVILLE PASS AWAY.

Daniel Strubler, Aged 75 years, one of the pioneers of Naperville, died at his home here on Friday, November 29, after a lingering illness. Mr. Strubler was a lifelong resident of this city and was held in high esteem by everyone that knew him. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon.

Elias Myers, Aged 84 years, a resident of Plainfield township since 1844, died at the home of his son, William, on Thursday noon as the result of a paralytic stroke. Funeral services were held on Monday and interment made in the Naperville cemetery.

A RHYME OF THE RUBBISH WAGON.

The village streets are clean and wide; the village streets are brick, and firm and strong; the pavement is where once the mud was thick.

Piled high with things, the wagon rolled along the broad causeway. The driver chuckled to himself, for he was feeling gay. He gaily thumped his horse's ribs, he gaily thumped his side, for on the rubbish wagon he was more than proud to ride. The old horse lurched along the way, 'twas all that he could do, and from the wagon load there dropped an ancient shoe or two. Another lurch and there slid off a yard of rusty tin and then there fell an orange-box with both its sides caved in. "O, tra la la," the driver quoth, "and also tra la le, I do not have to pick them up, so I'll just let them be."

Right merrily he jolted on and littered up the road so that before the dump was reached he had but half a load. He chuckled softly to himself, he was a merry wag; indeed it was a joke to dump that very little jag. "The village pays a street commiss to clean the streets," quoth he. "And I can give him lots to do. O, yes, leave that to me." Full cheerily, his day's work done homeward his way he went, for rubbish on the village streets he did not care a cent. O quickly rang the telephone the mucky's house within, "Do something," cried an angry voice, "Our streets they look like sla." Eftsooon, the street commiss, was out and he cleaned up the way; what angry thoughts were in his mind he did not care to say.

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LOCAL NEWS

—R. W. Bond and wife returned from their Colorado trip on Monday last. They report fine weather and a delightful visit with Dr. H. O. Dodge and family at Boulder Colorado.

—Dr. Gourley and wife are having pleasant trips on the motor launch the doctor has recently purchased. Also attending club parties at the Bell Hasen Inn at Sarasota, but write with all the good times they miss the old friends at Downers Grove.

—Mrs. John Rutherford spent a few days in Downers Grove the last of the week.

—Edmund Poetter and family were guests of Mrs. Poetter's father, W. H. Edwards, for Thanksgiving. Miss Virginia Poetter called on several of her friends while at Downers Grove.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bush and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers were invited guests at Captain Rogers for dinner on Thanksgiving.

—The bazaar of the ladies' aid society of St. Paul's Evangelical church of Grove street will be held next Wednesday evening, Dec. 11th. Coffee cake and coffee, ice cream and cake will be served.

—John Brown and daughter spent Sunday in Galva with Mr. Brown's uncle.

—Miss Madge Kettinger has been on the sick list.

—Mrs. A. P. Watts of Chicago is very sick at East Grove; her mother, Mrs. Haas, is taking care of her.

—Miss T. D. Aldrich, who went to Los Angeles in the summer, has been very ill and was taken to the Los Angeles hospital and an operation was performed on account of her eye sight and severe headaches she has suffered from for several weeks. Miss Aldrich has the sympathy of her many Downers Grove friends.

—Mrs. J. W. Rogers has had a severe attack of la grippe and has been under the doctor's care since a week ago Monday.

—Mrs. L. A. Webster of Hinsdale was a guest in the village on Wednesday.

—Eather Klein and Helen Haller spent their Thanksgiving vacation in Freeport, Ill.

—Cecil Angelo and wife have moved to Riverside, where he holds a position in the depot.

—Miss Ida Shannabrook will be a clerk in the new dry goods store.

—Mr. K. Bush and wife reached Florida in time for Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peck. All report a jolly, good time.

—Miss Hazel Angelo has been detained at home for a week by sickness.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Dec. 4th, nine and three-quarter pound boy, named Samuel Trevor.

—Charles Leppia was held up at Canal and 16th streets last Saturday night and relieved of \$15 and his overcoat.

—W. F. Wright, a stockman from Mt. Pleasant, Ia., visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Eva Angelo, and attended the fat stock show in the city.

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Good Management

You have noticed that those who get ahead in the world are generally those who are good managers who have learned to take care of their incomes.

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