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STATE TO GIVE PRIZES FOR PERRY ESSAYS

Medals to Be Awarded to School Children for Papers.

GOLD MEDAL FIRST PRIZE.

The Illinois state department of public instruction has issued circulars to county and city superintendents of schools announcing the gold medal patriotic essay contest in connection with Perry's victory centennial. Every school boy and girl in the schools of Illinois is eligible. The money for the medal prizes has been taken out of the \$50,000 which was appropriated for the celebration by the legislature.

Three bronze medals will be donated for award in each county of the state, and the three best essays in each state senatorial district will win for their writers silver medals. The winners of these silver medals will then be contestants in the state championship, the winner of which will receive a solid gold medal. This trophy will be presented to the victor of the state contest by Governor Dunne at Springfield.

Some of the subjects which contestants will be permitted to handle are:

1. Perry's victory on Lake Erie.
2. The war of 1812.
3. Its cause and results.
4. One hundred years' peace between the two English-speaking nations.

The essays may cover the whole of the theme or any portion of the same. The contest closes the last day of September, 1913, and all papers must be handed to the principal of the school by that date.

SEVENTEEN CLUB SURPRISE MRS. GILL.

Last Wednesday the ladies of the "Seventeen Club" had a "surprise" on Mrs. Harry Gill, North Forest avenue. The bus arrived at the home of Mrs. Gill at noon well loaded with dainty eatables and fair ladies, and a lively time followed.

After luncheon was served five hundred was indulged in and Mrs. Gill was presented with a beautiful hand painted rose jar as a token of esteem by the ladies present. All enjoyed a most delightful afternoon. Those present were: Mesdames Pearce, Mueller, Shaffer, Tizzard, Ingman, Gardiner, Findlay, Gallup, Mahoney, Willard, Osborn, Miller, Barry, Nevitt, Ralston and Parks. Mrs. Osborn won first prize and Mrs. Gallup the booby.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gill have sold their property and are going to Toronto, Niagara Falls and Winnipeg for two months, and expect to reside in Chicago on their return.

WHEATLAND PLOWING MATCH SEPT. 18.

Change to Thursday from Saturday.

The officers of the Wheatland plowing match have decided to hold the annual event on Thursday, Sept. 18. In the past the match has been held on a Saturday, but an earlier day in the week is now regarded with greater favor.

The officers for this year are: President—Hon. George Boardman. Vice-president—Cyrus Stark. Secretary and Treasurer—Harvey Ferguson.

In the near future the officers will meet to decide on the place for the holding of the match.

REHABILITATION PLANNED FOR PUMPING STATION

The village board in common with many other citizens is somewhat exercised over the condition of the pumping and light plant.

Night after night anxious eyes have gazed at the electric lights, fearing that they would go out never to return.

One phase of the situation which is receiving attention is the substitution of oil for coal as fuel.

In the near future the board, under the direction of Mayor Backus, plans to visit several villages and inspect their pumping and light plants with a view to improving the village utilities.

The citizens, having heartily discouraged the sale of the plant and halfheartedly vetoed a bond issue for rehabilitation, the board is in somewhat of a quandry. It costs money to replace worn out engines and boilers—and there is no money.

Meanwhile the old plant is staggering along doing the best it can.

105TH REUNION

SEPT. 2, 1913.

The reunion of the 105th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers Infantry will be held in Naperville Sept. 2 next. It is the desire of the committee to make this a good success. We are assured our citizens are with us on this occasion. Autos must be secured to take the comrades from the train to K. C. hall, which will be headquarters for all comrades and their friends during the forenoon. Dinner will be served in Congregational church dining rooms at 12 o'clock. At 1:30 p. m. all will assemble in the church for general campfire. The citizens are requested to be in attendance at this meeting. A nice program will be in store for all who attend.

Willard Scott, President.
E. C. Rickert, Secretary.

MR. AND MRS. DOESLAERE ENTERTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Doeslaere entertained a number of friends from Chicago last Sunday and in return were entertained by a choice selection of music, the visitors forming an orchestra of no mean ability. The visitors were the Misses Irma Barenther, Theresa Dow, Marie Ciesinski and Mr. Albert Beyer. Mrs. Doeslaere's father and mother and three nieces.

NAPERVILLE TO HAVE NEW POSTMASTER.

The resignation of Rollo N. Givler, postmaster at Naperville, has been tendered to the postoffice department at Washington and will undoubtedly be accepted with avidity.

That one business enterprise is sufficient to occupy the attention of a postmaster is the opinion of the first assistant postmaster general, and the present incumbent of the Naperville office is heartily in accord with that policy. His choice is unanimous in favor of the "Clarion."

The incoming postmaster will find plenty to occupy his undivided attention and the quality of service, with eight hours per day of careful personal supervision should be no plus ultra.

"Q" TO ENLARGE YARDS AT EOLA.

Switch Tracks Will Eventually Stretch All the Way to City of Naperville.

The Burlington railroad has started condemnation suits against the Universal Utilities Company of Eola and another property owner in an effort to get land needed for the yards being built at the east of Aurora.

The suits are in the DuPage county court at Wheaton. Judge Frank G. Plain of Aurora will hear the cases instead of Judge Clark of West Chicago. The trials will be by jury and may take a week's time.

The company wants a strip of land 80 feet wide now owned by the Utilities company. It is said the Utilities company is not satisfied with the price offered.

The other suit is said to be an agreement and is done because of one of the owners being a minor.

The company has finished a part of the yards and after an interlocking switch plant is erected the yards will be put into active service. They are used for storing cars at this time.

The yards will be enlarged next year and will eventually stretch from Aurora to Naperville, and will be the largest in the world.—Aurora Beacon-News.

Labor Day Picnic.
St. Paul's German Evangelical church of Grove street will have their annual picnic in Lyman's woods on Labor Day. Games, races and amusements.

LADY MACCABEES ENJOY A DAYS OUTING AT AURORA

Thirty members of the "Lady Busy Bees" (otherwise known as Downers Grove Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees) took an afternoon off Tuesday. They started from Downers, a merry bunch, on Brook's truck about 2 o'clock, heading for Riverview park, Aurora, where they intended to picnic.

The "Bees" arrived there all safe and right side up and immediately started their funny frolics for which they are noted.

After they had eaten the lunch brought with them from home they fed the rest to a bunch of hungry Sons of Veterans from Chicago who are encamped there.

The day was marked by but one accident and that not the fault of any Downers person. On the way home two young fellows on a motorcycle were trying to flirt with the girls on the truck, and not watching where they were going. Just as they got ahead of the front wheel they hit a dog and spilled, rolling into the car tracks, and the motorcycle under the front wheels. Mr. Brooks, thinking the boys were in front of the truck, put on the brakes and ran the machine alongside the curb, considerably shaking up the occupants. The boys were not hurt beyond a few scratches and bruises.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE AGITATION AT NAPERVILLE.

A campaign has been started for a stricter observance of Sunday in Naperville. It is believed by some that all business and amusements should cease on Sunday; others are in favor of dealing with these problems by strict regulations; a few are willing to have everything wide open.

It is significant that agitation on this problem has come at this time. Heretofore the city councils have gracefully side-stepped the question and no presentation of a Sunday closing ordinance has been recorded during our time. Now under the commission form of government our voters may decide this question by a referendum vote on a properly drawn ordinance.

The experience of other cities has shown that the line cannot be drawn so as to close some business enterprises and exclude others. Either all forms of business must be included or the law falls on account of class legislation.

It would be well to imagine our city with closed doors in every line of business—no Sunday morning deliveries of any sort—and to be consistent with the spirit of the proposition—no pleasure trips by vehicle, auto, train or foot.

We venture to say that some would endure it without murmuring but only a precious few would enjoy it.

The problem of what to do for the boys on Sunday will not be solved by Sunday closing laws. Out of the heart are the issues of life, not out of the statutes.

This is a big question and merits the co-operation of everyone interested in the welfare of Naperville's boys, girls, men and women. If we consider it fairly and with due consideration of its various phases, a conclusion will be reached that will make for civic betterment and will keep our boys and girls in Naperville.

Sunday quiet here with our own boys and girls out of sight and out of town would be an empty civic righteousness. —Clarion.



—St. Joseph's church picnic will be held on Labor Day at Albert Pfaff's woods south of town. See ad on second page.

—Burr Downs believes that grand is an impossible bid. He is just learning. Pearce says his only trouble is scoring.

—Has your ten-year-old a new bike? If not, get him one. "All the other kids have one."

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Jones of Canton, Ill., visited Maj. Geo. N. Jones this week.

—Supt. Wilburn left last Saturday for a short business trip.

—W. H. Edwards is spending his vacation at Benton Harbor, Mich.

—The Grove hotel is making a specialty of Sunday chicken dinners.

—Walter Lyman spent several days last week visiting in Chicago, attending the water carnival or the lake front.

—John Condit, who has been seriously ill, is much improved and able to be out and enjoy the sunshine a short while every day.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Gustin is visiting her brother in the north for her vacation trip.

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