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DOWNERS GROVE SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 8TH.

CURRICULUM IS ENLARGED

Prof. Butler and the Board of Education have new courses outlined for good term

The Downers Grove public schools will open for work Monday morning, September 8. It is our earnest desire to make this year the best in the school's history. Our course of study in the grades and the High School has been made as complete and helpful as possible. Our manual training, mechanical drawing, commercial courses have been extended to meet the needs of those wishing to pursue work of this kind. It is hoped a course in domestic science will be added soon. We are endeavoring more and more each year to fit the course of study to the child, rather than fit the child to the course of study. Our High School course of study is laid out so that those who wish to go to the university may get work that will fit them for the higher schools of learning and at the same time so arranged that those who do not wish to go beyond the High School will find ample work which will have a vital connection with the needs of life. We are living in a great age and great things will be expected of our boys and girls in the future. With the strong competition one is expected to meet in the world, it is necessary that he who expects to be of the greatest use to mankind, shall have the best possible preparation. This preparation largely comes through education. A large class completed our Grammar School last

June. The education received from the Grammar School increased their efficiency. Just now most of these young people are to make a choice—a choice of great import—one that will affect still greater their interest in life. If it is possible the answer of each one of these boys and girls should be: "I'll enter the High School. A High School education will develop still greater power and open the doors to a whole realm of enjoyment and satisfaction beyond the immediate contact of our lives. So we see that an education is a good investment from any view point, and as some one has said, "It pays in dollars and cents. It pays in name and fame. It pays in positions and enlarged responsibility. It pays in the increased service one can render humanity. Besides all these, it pays in the personal life. It pushes back the sky line and broadens one's vision. It makes one a kin to all that is best and noblest in nature and mankind. It gives a clearer view of God and destiny, and the value of these things cannot be measured." To this end, may we all work together for the very best for our boys and girls of our town, for it is the constant effort to be first class in everything one attempts, that makes life worth while.

Sincerely,
G. C. BUTLER, Supt.

KINDERGARTEN TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 8.

The Downers Grove Kindergarten will open Monday, September 8, at 9 o'clock.

New applications may be made through the mail or at the kindergarten building, Saturday afternoon, September 6.

LUCIA MORSE,
Supervisor, Riverside, Ill.

VILLAGE BOARD VISITS LIVE WISCONSIN TOWN

INSPECT MENASHA PLANT

They find one Village at least, is making money out of it's Water and Light Plant.

Last Saturday afternoon the entire Village Board, except Trustee Haller, visited the city of Menasha, Wis., to investigate the oil engine proposition. Menasha has a municipal light and water plant similar to ours except the power—the power used is Diesel Oil Engines. Their plant was started in 1905. Two 75-H. P. Diesel Oil Engines were installed to furnish power for pumping water. The city had some time before that granted the Wisconsin Traction, Light, Heat and Power Company a franchise for the lighting of the city, and that franchise kept the city from owning its own light plant for over six years and cost an expensive lawsuit that is still in the Supreme Court. As soon as the lower court gave its verdict in favor of the city, steps were taken to install a municipal lighting plant. A new 225-H. P. oil engine was installed and the city entered the field in competition to the Wisconsin Traction, Light, Heat & Power Company. In a year and a half it has taken 429 customers away from its rivals. The call for current is strong. The city has been forced to order a second 225-H. P. Oil Engine Unit. This is the story of the oil engine in the city of Menasha. It has enabled the city to be its own master. It has put the price of electricity so cheap that every one uses it that the city can supply with its present equipment. Water is supplied at a rate that is lower than it costs to pump ours. Mayor Rimmel and City Clerk Little took us to their plant after an hour's inspection and explanation of their engines—and right here I must say the cost of fuel is so small that if coal were used it would have to be delivered at the plant at less than 40¢ a ton to equal it. From the plant we were taken to the City Hall and the books were open to our inspection. And I can assure you there was no half-hearted inspection, for four hours or until midnight City Clerk Little answered questions.

While in Menasha we learned that last year the city of Appleton paid \$100,000.00 for their lighting franchise, the same franchise that they gave away a few years ago. They got about \$50,000.00 worth of tangible property and their franchise for their \$400,000.00, and they are installing oil engines now to furnish their power. Do you wonder that the Board came home enthused? And it is to be hoped that every voter, male and female, will become as enthusiastic as the people of Menasha are because in the near future you will be asked to vote on a bond issue so that we can give you cheap light. If we can do as well as Menasha we can pay for the plant from its earnings in 10 years, give you 10 cent current and 24 hour service.

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ANSON BACKUS,
Village President.

A WORD FOR THE VILLAGE BAND.

Representative Keene of Fort Scott will introduce a bill authorizing towns to appropriate money for the support of the local band. His theory is that a good band is worth all it costs to any town; and, as far as a bad band, there is always hope that it may improve with proper encouragement.—Kansas City Star.



Mr. and Mrs. John Gustus entertained a dinner party on Tuesday evening.

Misses Grace and Marguerite Beidelman have returned from a week's vacation at Wisconsin Dells.

Mrs. Rose Waples and Mrs. John Cassidy entertained an afternoon porch party on Friday at the home of Mrs. Waples, corner Prairie and Prince avenues.

J. H. Griffiths is very much indisposed, having been overcome by the heat while at work in town.

Mrs. Fannie Wilson has returned home after a two week's stay in La Grange.

Mrs. B. C. Downs, who has been ill, is much better.

Mrs. Chester of Carpenter street entertained friends from Chicago last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kline of Aurora and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Roskopf took an automobile trip to Geneva Lake, Wis., last week.

CAPT. J. C. DICKSON DIES IN PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE IN SOUTH CHICAGO.

Pioneer Mariner and Father of R. J. Dickson of This Village.

Captain J. C. Dickson, veteran lake captain and one of the early saloon-keepers of South Chicago, dropped dead this morning about 8 o'clock in the office of Dr. McLaughlin, while waiting for the physician. Captain Dickson, who was 76 years old, was returning from work at the Ninth Ward pumping station, 102d street, this morning, and decided to call at the office of Dr. McLaughlin before going to his home. The office girl noticed that he was not well and asked if she could be of any assistance. He replied that he would like a drink of water, but when she returned he had collapsed. Dr. McLaughlin, after an examination, announced that the man was dead.

The remains were removed to the home of his son, Richard Dickson, 3086 Cheltenham place, with whom he had been making his home for some time. He is survived by his widow, five sons and one daughter, whose names follow: Robert, Christopher, James, George, Richard and Mrs. William Onion.

The deceased was born in Scotland and came to South Chicago nearly thirty years ago, after he had retired from sailing on the lakes. For many years he conducted a saloon on Buffalo avenue, near 92d street.

He was a great friend of all the sailors and one of the best informed men on affairs of the Calumet river to be found anywhere in this vicinity. He was also at one time active in local politics and altogether was a most interesting character.

DEATH OF MRS. J. L. REMMERS.

Mrs. J. L. Remmers died at Black Mountain, N. C., Wednesday afternoon. The body will be forwarded to Downers Grove and funeral will be held Saturday. Interment in the Lisle cemetery.

The mother of W. H. Edwards died Wednesday and will be buried at the W. S. cemetery Saturday afternoon.

TO STARVED ROCK BY AUTO TRUCK.

Saturday afternoon T. E. Brooks took twenty-three people to Starved Rock in his thirteen Velle truck. The crowd started at 2 o'clock, arriving at Starved Rock at 10 o'clock.

Early Sunday morning the crowd climbed up on the rock, some going through the woods and others by the steps leading up from the boat. At ten o'clock everyone left and went to Deer Park. On the way the crowd experienced going up one of the longest hills they had ever seen. Mr. Brooks taking his crowd up in fine shape was heartily cheered at the top. After going through Deer Park and having lunch they started for Ottawa. Leaving Ottawa at 2:30, they stopped just outside of Plano for supper and arrived home at 9:30. Everyone enjoyed themselves, although they weathered the next day, and would not have given up the trip for anything.

ALL ABOARD FOR A DAY'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Mrs. Easton will entertain the Ladies Aid of the Congregational church at her home Thursday, Sept. 4. T. E. Brooks with his express car will call at Mrs. G. H. Bunce's about 10 o'clock for the north side ladies. They will stop at Mrs. Foster's about 10:05 for the south side ladies.

By forty promising to go, Mr. Brooks agreed to take the ladies out and back for a little more than street car fare.

GRAND FINALE.

Indoor baseball at the South Side School ground Labor Day.
Masonic Blue Lodge vs. Masonic Chapter.
This is a game for blood. Everybody welcome.

ARRESTED FOR SEINING IN SALT CREEK.

Yesterday B. G. Merrill, Deputy Game and Fish Warden, arrested John Sneider and Antone Norris of Chicago for unlawfully fishing in Salt Creek with a seine. When taken before Judge Novotny at Western Springs they pleaded guilty and were fined ten dollars and costs each.

Last Sunday Warden Merrill arrested Max Blumenthal of Cicero for catching undersized pickerel with hook and line in Salt Creek at Fullersburg. Judge Coe assessed a fine of ten dollars and costs.—Hinsdale Doings.

Dr. W. H. Durkee of Fulton, Ill., motored over from Fulton to spend a few days with his brother, Mr. C. E. Durkee of this village.

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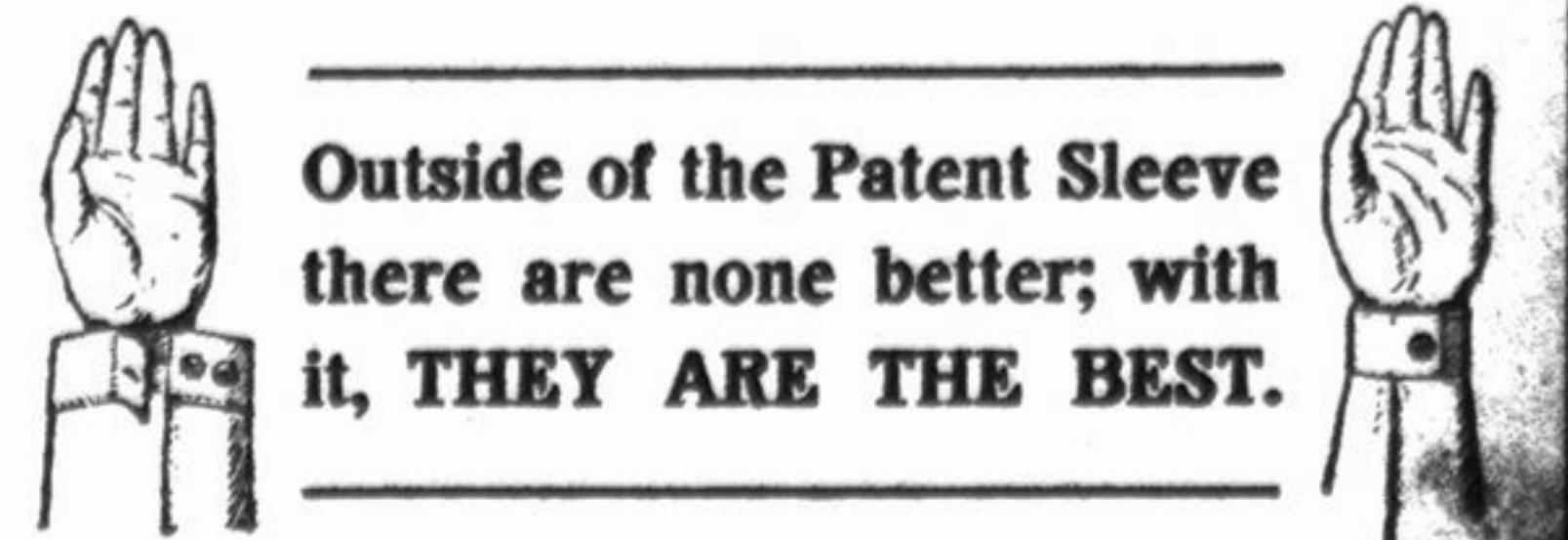
SATURDAY, AUG. 30, 1918

"A Fight to a Finish" - Kalem Western
"The Song Bird of the North" - Vitagraph Drama
"Bingles at the Cararet" - Vitagraph Comedy
"Sight Seeing in Japan" - Vitagraph Scenic
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