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MID-NIGHT FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Residence of J. F. Florentine in East Grove Burned to the Ground

Fire destroyed the residence of J. F. Florentine in East Grove last Tuesday night. Will Florentine returned home shortly before midnight, and as he was preparing to retire noticed a wisp of smoke curling from the wall of his room on the upper floor. He hastily awakened Mr. and Mrs. Florentine and assisted his father, who was suffering from a severe fracture sustained in a recent fall, to the nearby home of his brother, Fletcher Florentine. Then, with his brother's help, Will began removing such valuables as could be reached before the fire spread to all the rooms. In the work of taking the furniture out of the lower floor of the home the two were assisted by neighbors who had been aroused.

The village fire company hastened to the scene with the hook and ladder cart. The village water works does not extend within a quarter of a mile of the Florentine home, so no effective fight could be made against the fire. The flames completely consumed the house, not a stick remaining standing when they died down.

The house and contents were insured, but many belonging were destroyed which money could not replace.

HOW LETTER WRITING MAY BE OF SOME USE.

Now that the New Year resolutions have survived the first month of the year, or have gone the way of other resolves of the long ago, perhaps it is opportune to suggest to the residents of the village that they can help themselves and the village by acquiring the letter writing habit. It is not a bad habit and is one which has the distinct advantage of annoying no one, except possibly the person to whom the epistle is addressed. It will keep you home nights if you are in the habit of going out too much. It will supply you with an occupation for lonesome hours if you are forced to remain indoors too much, and finally, if persisted in it will help bring free delivery of mail to the door of every citizen.

The village postoffice is now a second-class office—excuse the wording—an office of the second class, and free delivery for the village as well as for the truly rural districts is possible in the near future if only enough stamps are used in the village to lift the postoffice to the required grade.

It has been calculated that if every resident of the village would write one letter a day for a period of several months, each year, and buy the necessary stamp every day at the postoffice the yearly stamp sales of the village postoffice would in a short time merit the establishment of free delivery.

If you have a pen handy use it freely, if not use a pencil, but remember to buy the stamp every day at the postoffice.

Keep this date open—Saturday night, March 6, International Operatic Company in the Methodist Church.

WOMEN'S PHYSICAL CULTURE LEAGUE

A special meeting of the Young Women's Physical Culture League was held Thursday evening, Jan. 25, at the home of Miss Elizabeth Willis on Curtiss street. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, the President asked for an informal discussion as to the classes the young ladies would care to have organized and then to arrange the time for the meeting of the various classes. As a result of the discussion the following program was arranged. The evening is to be divided into quarters of one-half hour each. The first quarter will be given over to drill work; second quarter, folk dancing; third quarter, drill again, and fourth quarter, games. The drills are to be good gymnastic exercises, intended to develop all parts of the body, and are a necessary part of all gym training in order that one may stand the more vigorous games and exercises. The folk dancing will be helpful in many ways to those who may care to join the class, and the games will include basket ball, volley ball, indoor ball, etc. Surely there is something for everyone in this schedule. If you want to reduce we advise you to join and if you want to add to your weight, there is no better way than in these classes. Of course these quarters can readily be changed; they are merely suggestions, and a basis for the class to go to work on.

It was also decided at this meeting to arrange for occasional lectures on "First Aid to the Injured," "Personal Hygiene," and also upon out-of-door subjects. Possibly later to organize a Camp Fire Girls' Club. At any rate there is no limit to the possibilities of such an organization.

It was decided to have an initiation fee of twenty-five cents (25c) to cover all immediate expenses, and 25c a month dues. Dues are payable in advance the first Monday of each month. If the dues are not paid by the second Monday of the month suspension shall follow.

The question of a director was discussed and a motion made and carried that the President appoint a committee to confer with Miss Maud Mertz, and ask her to be the director. Miss Mertz has been studying this work, and is well qualified in all respects to take the class.

We are also to have a bulletin board in the post office, where Miss Elizabeth Willis will post all notices and announcements of interest to the League. So watch the bulletin board!

Meeting adjourned, to meet again for class work Monday evening, Feb. 1, in the gym.

MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER SHOWERS

Mrs. M. Holohan and daughter Elaine of Lisle entertained at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Emma Engelschall. She was the recipient of many articles, including silver and linen. After the gifts were opened and duly admired the guests were invited to the dining room, where a dainty lunch was served. Several piano selections were rendered by Miss Mamie Engelschall, after which the guests departed voting Mrs. Holohan and Elaine charming hostesses.

Saturday evening, Jan. 30, Misses Agnes Venard and Rose Bunning gave a dinner party and shower, at the Wright Hotel, in honor of Miss Emma Engelschall, who is to be a February bride. Eighteen of her most intimate friends were present to shower on her congratulations and best wishes for a happy future.

A very enjoyable shower was given last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kuegmann in honor of Miss Elsie Gielow of La Grange, whose engagement to Mr. E. A. Krueger has been announced. About twenty-five young people came from La Grange, and the bride-elect received many pretty gifts.

HONOR TO MR. J. L. LEHMAN.

The members of the choir of the First Evangelical Church gave their chorister, Mr. J. L. Lehman, a rousing surprise on Tuesday evening. Upon arriving at the home a beautiful bouquet was presented to him, as a token of appreciation and gratitude for his valuable services, as an efficient leader of the choir. Mr. Lehman gave a very appropriate response. Surprise No. 2 came when he and his family were kindly invited to come along for a delightful sleigh ride. The merry party drove to Hinsdale and back, after which all again took possession of the home. A splendid lunch with hot coffee was served. All had an excellent social time up to the midnight hour. A good thing is worth repeating. Who'll be next?

NAPERVILLE HIGH IS THE COUNTY CHAMP.

Speed and Dazzling Team Work Win for Local Lads—Wharton Gets Second; Hinsdale Third.

Games and scores: Naperville, 61; West Chicago, 12. Hinsdale, 20; Downers Grove, 16. Wheaton, 16; Elmhurst, 14. Wheaton, 30; Downers Grove, 8. West Chicago, 20; Elmhurst, 18. Naperville, 22; Hinsdale, 17. Wheaton, 17; West Chicago, 9. Hinsdale, 37; West Chicago, 10. Naperville, 35; Wheaton, 21.

Outplayed at every point of the game, bewildered by the speed and dazzling team work of Naperville, Wheaton High went down to defeat on last Saturday evening on the college gym floor by the score of 35-21, and thus lost the county championship and the shield. This championship game closed the most successful tournament in which the local quintet has ever participated and they well deserve the beautiful bronze shield which was presented to the captain at the close of the final game, declaring Naperville county champs and incidentally demonstrating the fact that our hopes for a sectional championship are pretty well founded.

The tournament was a great success in every way. The general spirit exhibited was the best possible. The college authorities rendered invaluable service, not only in granting the county free use of the gymnasium, but in extending every courtesy to the visiting teams.—Naperville Clarion.

CONGREGATIONAL PHILATHEA CLASS PARTY.

The Philathea Class of Congregational church will give a "Hearty Party" at the home of Miss Edna Parker, West Curtiss street, Friday evening, February 12. A hearty welcome and a hearty time for all who come. It is hoped all members and friends will be present.

Ladies' Aid Society of Congregational church will meet at the home of Mrs. R. G. Darnley on Highland avenue, Thursday, February 11, at 1:30 p. m.

Tickets for the Washington banquet at the M. E. church will be on sale at the M. E. church next week & at Gerwig's, Kohler's and Lehmann & Michel's stores. We are planning for a splendid time this year. Get your tickets early, before they are all gone. A menu and program will be printed later.

Remember the social in the M. E. church parlors Monday evening, February 8. A program will be given and refreshments served. Home made candy and popcorn will be on sale. The proceeds will be used to buy dishes for the church kitchen. Come and have a good time.

BOY SCOUT NIGHT AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America will be held in the Baptist Church Sunday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p. m. The men's chorus will sing and the pastor and scoutmaster, Rev. R. W. Babcock, will give the address on the Scout motto, "Be Prepared; or, the Boy Who Would Be King."

It is the wish of those interested in this movement that everyone who can will attend and show their interest in the boys. If you do not understand the movement or want to know more about it, come on Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

WOMAN'S CLUB

LECTURE "ETHICAL VALUE OF STORIES FOR CHILDREN"

A large and interested audience listened to Mrs. Gudrun Thorn-Thomson's talk on "The Ethical Value of the Woman's Club, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Thomson brought out clearly the fact that the old-time Sunday school story, with the moral, which was thought to have immediate effect upon the life and character of the child, has no real ethical value. That which appeals to the adult mind as pointing a splendid moral may give an entirely different impression to the childish mind with no sense of values, so that we cannot be too careful in choosing stories for the plastic, imaginative minds of our children. Mrs. Thomson's solution of the problem of "Santa Claus" was especially good. Miss Grace Towles favored the club with two solos by Max Dowell.

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