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## DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT

Daniel Dunn, son of William P. and Isabel Campbell Dunn, was born in Kendall County, Illinois, July 4, 1851. When very young he moved with his parents to a farm in Cass, where he spent the remainder of his boyhood and early manhood. He received his early education in the rural school of that district, after which he attended the Downers Grove public school in the old south building, and later started to train for the ministry in Northwestern University in Evanston. Dependent on his own resources, however, and discouraged by a severe illness, he abandoned this first intention and became a contractor and builder in the vicinity of Kendall and DuPage counties.

Following his marriage, April 14, 1880, to Miss Ida Andrews, in Aurora, he moved to Chicago, where he was employed by the McCormick Reaper Works, returning to Downers Grove in 1884, just about thirty-one years ago. Since that time he had lived in the home he then bought on E. Maple avenue.

Those who remember him in the days of his earlier manhood will recall the strong and vigorous physique, the genial, cheery personality, the sound judgment and upright character which were his. He was then a familiar figure in business, lodge and church circles. He has left many a monument to his ability as a mechanic in the houses he built in Downers Grove. In the old Methodist church, and for a time in the new, he was one of the staunchest supporters. It was only after a hard struggle that he was able to realize that his time for active service was over.

Although crippled when only 21 by a fall from the third story of a new building, he got around fairly well until about ten years ago. The death of his older son, Walter, in 1902, was a severe blow, and the decline in his health and strength really dated from that time.

For several years he had been practically confined to his home and immediate neighborhood. Still he seemed to enjoy a fair degree of comfort, and his falling health, although very noticeable the last two years, was, nevertheless, so gradual that no one realized the end was so near.

Shortly before Christmas he commenced a severe hiccupping, which continued throughout his sickness. As he had had a similar attack the previous winter, the family were not, at first, much alarmed, attributing the cause to indigestion. They were, therefore greatly shocked, when, on calling a doctor a few days later they learned that he was suffering from dropsy, caused by a growth on his liver, and that his condition was, even then, so critical that there was almost no hope of his recovery.

Doctors, friends and relatives did what they could to relieve suffering, but he was ready and anxious to go. Death came quietly at 6:30 Saturday evening, February 6, after an illness of seven weeks.

He had a family of five children, two of whom, Walter and Edward, preceded him in 1902 and 1910. He is survived by his wife, his remaining son and two daughters, four brothers and a stepmother.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 2:30 at the home, by Rev. James F. Jenness, and interment was made at the West Side cemetery.

## FI-FI OF THE TOY SHOP

The spectacular musical fantasy, FI-FI of the Toy Shop, given at the new high school assembly rooms last Friday and Saturday evenings was a great success, both financially and as an entertainment.

Mr. A. C. Meyer of the John B. Rogers Co. had personal charge of the affair, and while he had less than two weeks for the drilling and arrangements, the play both Friday and Saturday nights was an artistic success and was a great credit to all concerned. With absolutely inexperienced boys and girls, Mr. Meyer trained them with such skill that the comment of all was that it was the finest home talent entertainment we had ever given in the village.

## SIDE LIGHTS OF FI-FI OF THE TOY SHOP.

Miss Lucy Smith, our second grade teacher at the south side building, was the accompanist and was most faithful and painstaking, as she was at every rehearsal, and both performances.

Those bouquets (of hay) that were presented to the clowns at the Saturday night performance were a surprise and caused great amusement among the young people in the audience.

Miss Myrtle Drew, as the girl of the Toy Shop, made a very pretty picture and did her part to perfection.

Mesdames Matson, Snow, Heckman and Perron assisted Mrs. Bordwell as chaperon for the fairies.

The Live Little Blocks, Mrs. Butler chaperon, gave a most unique drill and showed great skill. All of the drills were vigorously applauded and made pretty stage pictures.

Mr. Chester Hall sang two solos that were greatly enjoyed by the audience.

Miss Ruth De Witt as Loosely, the Rag Doll, was a perfect imitation of a rag doll in looks and actions. She never forgot once how limp she was and spoke her lines distinctly so every one could hear. With Mr. Paul Schmidt as Captain Barnacle they kept things lively whenever they were on the stage.

Several people liked it so much Friday night that they went again on Saturday night.

Mr. Chas. Davis was one of the soloists, and as the Man in the Moon sang a delightful ballad.

The China Dolls—Mrs. Sherman chaperon—looked wonderfully pretty, and the clowns, Elburn Stanley and Max Butler, had a great deal of trouble getting them to go through their part of the program. Finally, with the aid of a gasoline can, each doll was oiled up satisfactorily.

Miss Gertrude Downer as Ink Spot was one of the stars of the performance and made up so truly an Ink Spot that no one would recognize her except by her name on the program.

Some of the mothers of the Jumping Jacks say that the boys have been hopping ever since the play, and the Noah Ark animals had the time of their lives. They certainly looked the part.

The Paper Dolls—Mrs. Hubtington chaperone—gave a very pretty dance. Miss Marie Osen as the Laughing Doll Head, Miss Katherine Heckman as the Japanese Doll, Miss Ruth Hughes as the Talking Doll, all took their parts to perfection.

Warren Wells and Harper Hibbe as Tim Heart and Prince Lollypop kept the audience in a roar.

Messrs. Myran and Nettie Riel were FI FI and Bo Peep, and each sang their solos most delightfully. FI FI and the Moon Man were encored when they sang their duet.

Miss Madeline La Charty was a very graceful solo dancer and made a great hit in her part.

The bridesmaids gave a very graceful dance with garlands and festoons of flowers, and we all felt that Downers certainly had some pretty girls.

And the fifty fairies, who were so dainty and sweet, as one man said, it made your heart glad to see them, added much to the charm and artistic beauty of the cast.

The Downers Grove Woman's Club especially desire to make grateful acknowledgment to the parents and friends whose co-operation has made possible the presentation of FI-FI of the Toy Shop. They have quite an amount left after paying for the curtain.

## BUSINESS MEN ELECT OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the Business Men's Association held Tuesday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. G. Michel, president; B. E. Kohler, vice president; E. R. Dunnegan, secretary; Fred Gerwig, treasurer. This association has been instrumental in doing a great deal of good for Downers Grove in the past year, one of the greatest of their efforts being the installing of the ornamental lights which now adorn our principal streets. They now have in view several plans which will materially add to the attractiveness of our village.

## VALUABLE HORSE STOLEN

A light bay horse, valued at \$300 was stolen from the barn of the Lord Lumber Company, here, some time Tuesday night. The loss was not discovered until Wednesday morning, giving the thief nearly eight hours' start to make his get away, in which he was successful, up to the time of this writing.

A clew as to the direction taken by the thief was given by Mr. Wehrmeister, who lives at Lacey. About a quarter to twelve, as he was hitching up his team to take some guests to their home, he saw a man walking east on the Lacey road, leading a large draft horse. Some few minutes later he passed the same man, now astride the animal and still headed east. Something in the action of the man led him to suspect robbery and when he returned to his home he called the night operator at Downers asking if a horse had been stolen here. As the alarm had not been spread at that time, she said "No."

Sheriff Hestermann was notified early Wednesday morning and went right out with a deputy on a hunt for the animal. Several detective agencies, police chiefs and others have been given a description, with orders to look for the horse.

## TEAM RUNS AWAY

One electric light pole shorn off at the base, one ornamental light pole torn from its moorings and broken, broken globe, twisted wires, an overturned wagon and many other things were left in the wake of a run-away team yesterday afternoon.

Gene Pfaff and Geo. Schindler were leading one of Mertz & Mochel's wagons with sheet iron from a car spotted about half between Main street and Forest avenue when the team became frightened and started to run. Tom Bunning's wagon being in the way they overturned it and the horse, Mr. Bunning escaping injury by jumping into a freight car.

They ended their mad flight by breaking the electric and ornamental light poles that stood on the corner of Forest and the tracks. The feed wires for the commercial and street service for the entire south side were broken putting these circuits temporarily out of business.

Fortunately neither horse was much worse for the experience but the scene resembled an European battle-field transplanted to peaceful Downers Grove, after the excitement had died down.

## GOLF CLUB PLANNED.

The Downers Grove Golf Club has organized with a view to ascertaining a reasonable estimate of interested citizens who will be willing to cooperate toward a permanent organization. We will appreciate an early response expressing your desire to be associated with a movement that will be a great help to the community and supply a long felt want of adequate recreation within reasonable distance of your home.

Write or phone Hulbert Jones, secretary, 95 Chicago avenue. Phone 46-R.

G. C. BUTLER,  
J. W. GRAVES,  
L. B. WELLS,  
Committee.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Ladies' Aid of the First Congregational church adopted the following resolutions January 28:

Whereas, It has pleased the Divine Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst to eternal rest our beloved sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Graham, a devoted member of our society; and

Whereas, By her death this society has lost a valued and faithful worker, our church a devout member and our village an honored citizen; and

Whereas, Her daughter, Mrs. Blodgett, our society, our church and our community has sustained an irreparable loss by reason of her demise; and

Whereas, The records of our society should bear lasting testimony of the departure of our beloved member to the life beyond;

Resolved, That this society extend its sympathy to Mrs. Blodgett and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records and a copy of the same be sent to the family and also a copy be published in the Downers Grove Reporter.

"I cannot say and I will not say That she is dead—she is just away; With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, She has wandered into an unknown land And has left us dreaming how very fair

It needs must be, since she lingers there.

And you, oh you, who the wildest years For the old time step and the glad return,

Think of her as faring on as dear In the love of these as the love of here,

Think of her still as the same I say, She is not dead—she is just away."

MRS. G. H. BUNGE,  
MRS. G. T. HUGHES,  
MISS CORA C. BLODGETT



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