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## BANQUET IN HONOR OF WASHINGTON

"The Newer Justice" as told by Former Judge Cleland Stirs Audience

The seventeenth annual Washington banquet under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church was held in the Methodist church last Monday evening and was attended by more than the usual number of guests. The annual banquet dedicated to the memory of the Father of His Country has become one of the village institutions and not to have attended at least one of these occasions is to have missed a fine feature of life in Downers Grove. The edibles were thoroughly enjoyed and served as a fitting prelude to the program.

The Rev. James Freeman Jenness, pastor of the church, was toastmaster and introduced each member with appropriate words.

The orator of the evening, former Judge McKenzie Cleland of the Municipal court of Chicago, spoke to the theme, "The Newer Justice," telling of the advance which had been made by civilization in all lines, music, art, commerce, literature, learning, and even the law except only the treatment of criminals.

He told of the effect which serving a prison sentence often has on a man or boy who has taken a wrong step, and declared that our prisons instead of reforming actually instruct the hapless one sent to them in ways of crime and turn out more hardened criminals

than enter them. "We must recognize the good that is in all men," he declared, "and give to each the chance to which he is entitled, and never, so long as there is opportunity to develop the latent good in an offender sentence him to stay behind gray walls, in the company of bitter, evil men, where the growth of right thoughts and good actions is stifled."

Musical numbers were presented by Miss Marion Lower, Miss Marianna Roe and Mrs. J. C. White. "The Boat Song," by Harriet Ware, was rendered by Mrs. R. E. Rassweiler, and the Rev. F. J. Milnes read "The Soul of a Maiden." The Rev. R. W. Babcock delivered the opening prayer and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Pahl. The Rev. H. C. Lawlor, former pastor of the Methodist church, was among the guests and gave a few words of greeting to his former parishioners.

## SUBURBAN BILLIARD AND POCKET BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

A large number of fans watched the first strings in the suburban billiard and pocket billiard tournament shot at Dicke's Tuesday night. Great interest was taken and each shot watched and commented on by those present.

Paul Bentley and H. Wilson, representing Downers showed lack of practice which they intend to make up and win some of the other strings. They lost by 84 points.

Fred Gleishman defeated his opponents easily at Brookfield, winning 200 to 149.

## MASONS ENTERTAIN THE 'BOYS IN BLUE'

Largest Attendance and Most Fun Marks Jollification at Annual Camp-Fire

The annual camp-fire when the Boys in Blue recount the deeds of other days to the Masons of Grove lodge was held last Friday night in the hall of Grove Lodge, and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by nearly two hundred members and friends of the post and the lodge.

Thirty-five strong the members of the Grand Army of the Republic marched into the hall headed by Post Commander Capt. T. S. Rogers and Post Adjutant E. W. Farrar. As they took their places the stirring notes of the reveille from the cornet of H. C. Taylor of Grove Lodge commanded attention and were followed by the lusty singing of the lodge's welcome to Naper Post with its swinging chorus of—

"Hurrah! Hurrah! We greet you once again,  
Hurrah! Hurrah! True-hearted Union men,  
Let the chorus echo over mountain plain and fen—  
Hail to the gallant old Grand Army."

After a few well chosen words of greeting from the Master of the lodge, T. H. Slusser, the program of the evening was turned over to the committee of arrangements, H. P. Jones informally directing the events.

The "Battle Hymn of the Republic," sung with much power by the corps of singers, placed as far as possible from their audience, had scarcely been completed when Corporal R. J. Darnley and his armed guard, after a scuffle, succeeded in bringing to the front of the hall two colored individuals who, to save themselves from punishment as spies, proceeded to sing several tuneful ditties and to make themselves and all present merry with a choice array of jokes, fully dressed and equipped with real Downers Grove names.

For a few minutes no one who owned an automobile felt safe; various mysterious packages were dissected and several village disturbances were explained to the satisfaction of all except the butts of the jokes.

It began to be whispered around the room that the "dingles" were not real live "coons" but Ralph Herring and Burr Downers dressed for the occasion, and sundry portions of cuticle which had exhaled the burnt cork gave the semblance of truth to the whispers.

Be that as it may, the fun they exploded was its own excuse and eyes that have seldom been moist shed frequent tears, not of sadness but of mirth, before they flushed their stunts.

Chorus after chorus, telling of the various virtues of individual comrades of Naper Post served as introduction to stories of life in the army in the old days and the war of the rebellion was "put down" by so many different regiments that there seemed to be no doubt that it was really ended.

There were some verbal clashes between the men of the Thirteenth, the Thirty-third and the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois, with occasional flashes from the artillery, the cavalry and the army of the Potomac.

Words of greeting from the Southland from the mouth of a Tennessean, Dr. Hugh Smith, were greeted with loud cheers and applause. Comrades from other posts told of their war experiences and old songs filled the pauses in the speeches. A foraging party unable to find sweet potatoes or watermelons compromised on apples and cider. Dr. Kenison, in the guise of an irate Southern farmer, incensed at the foraging party which had broken into his storehouse, was promptly sent to the guard house. Certain straying warblers were arrested and conducted to the singers' bullpen. The Rev. Mr. Lepper of St. Andrew's Episcopal church spoke briefly, and the final words were happily given by the Rev. J. F. Jenness of Grove Lodge, whose discourse on profanity delighted all his hearers. (For further particulars on this point inquire of George B. Hearty.)

Three cheers at parting were given by the lodge for the Grand Army and the boys in blue responded with a Union hurrah. Then America and home.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**  
Miss Nora Klein entertained about sixteen guests in honor of the birthday of her sister, Mrs. Deibert Oldfield, Tuesday afternoon.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent by those present playing games, guessing contests and in discussing the luncheon prepared for them. Mrs. Oldfield was presented with a beautiful framed picture in honor of the event.

## PHYSICAL CULTURE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

It was decided at the meeting of the Young Women's Physical Culture League on Monday evening, Feb. 22nd, that it would be best to change the arrangement of the schedule printed last week in the Reporter, for it was found that such a change would help matters all around, as it is possible for many of the girls to be present on time for the 7:30 class. That is one class that nearly everyone has joined, and as it is imperative that everyone be there to fill their places in the line, it was thought best to rearrange the schedule in order to suit the majority. The new schedule is as follows:

7:30-8:00—Advanced Basket Ball.  
8:05-8:35—General Gymnastics and Marching Tactics.  
8:40-9:10—Folk Dancing.  
9:15-9:45—Beginners' Basket Ball  
9:45-10:15—Indoor Baseball and Games.

A number have already registered for the classes, and there are a corresponding number who have not. Be sure to phone either Miss Elizabeth Willis or Miss Madeline Hughes, and register before Monday night. Please attend to this—and remember the best time is NOW!

Business meeting next Monday night, March 1. Important business is to be attended to, so we want everyone to be present. Bring your dues with you, so that our treasurer will be able to meet our bills.

## WOMANS CLUB

VIEW DAY PLANNED FOR MARCH 5.

Burlington Woman's Clubs to Hold Annual Event at Art Institute.

The Woman's Clubs along the Burlington plan to visit the Art Institute March 5th, to view the exhibit by Chicago artists. This event marks one of the yearly functions of all Chicago clubs and is commendable in that through it, many artists have become known and appreciated, who otherwise might have remained obscure. Each year pictures are sold at this exhibit, prizes are awarded and the fame of our worthy artists is extended. Sometimes these yearly receptions take on most brilliant social aspects, handsome gowns, elaborate serving of tea, exquisite decorations, till there is danger of losing sight of the main reason for the assemblage, namely, the viewing of the pictures.

This year the Burlington committee have decided to make the pictures the important event of the day, and will simplify the occasion with that end in view.

A luncheon will be served at the Chicago Woman's Club previous to the reception to which all the Burlington contingent are invited. A lunch at the Chicago Woman's Club in their beautiful dining room in the Fine Arts Building, is an event of itself and will begin at 12:30.

The trip to the Art Institute will follow at 2 o'clock.—Hinsdale Doings.

Downers Grove Woman's Club members are urged to enjoy this yearly treat.

Those who desire to attend the lunch may secure tickets of the delegate, Mrs. Childs, Mesdames Childs, Howard Jones, Rex Hawkins and Clifford James have the View Day tickets for distribution. There will also be an opportunity to get them at the next club meeting, March 3.

The teachers of the schools have charge of the program at the meeting of the Woman's Club, March 3rd. This is an open meeting, and all who are interested will be cordially welcomed.

Meeting will be held in the Assembly Room of the new school building.

## PETITIONS IN FOR VILLAGE OFFICERS.

The Primary Election for Village Offices to be held March 9th, promises to be a quiet affair as there is no opposition on either of the two tickets in the field.

Anson Backus, President and B. L. Kellogg, Charles Haller and I. G. Hearty, Trustees are up for re-election on the Citizen's Caucus Ticket, while E. H. Huntington, Jr., and Miss Fannie Stewart are running on the same ticket for Directors of Library Board.

Royal F. Stark, Albert Felde and Paul Bentley are up for nomination as Trustees on the Socialist ticket. Paul Bentley has the distinction of being the youngest man who has ever sought the nomination for a Downers Grove office and it is predicted that he will poll more votes than any Socialist ever has in Downers Grove.

## CARD OF THANKS.

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