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"THE SMUGGLEMAN"

Two Act Operetta, to Be Given by School Children March 12-13.

Over 100 school children, mostly from the first to the fourth grades, but a few from the fifth and sixth, will act the Operetta, "The Smuggler," at the High School Auditorium, March 12th and 13th. It will be acted under the supervision of Miss Zollinger, who has been known to Downers Grove people for the last few years as the teacher who led the Downers Grove singers to victory in the county tournament at Wheaton.

The play is replete with drills, knights, fairies and other people who usually fill the stage at an extravaganza of this kind. Eddie Tank is said to be great in the title part, "The Smuggler."

Downers people, especially mothers and fathers, who have young hopefuls in school, will be given a great opportunity to see what the younger scholars can do. The older ones having demonstrated their histrionic ability at the play recently given, "Fl Fl of the Toy Shop."

THE NEW LIBRARY.

The Library Board have received approval of the plans for the new library building and all arrangements have now been completed with the Carnegie Corporation of New York so that the building may proceed at once.

Working plans and specifications are being prepared and the Board will be ready to receive bids within the next week. It is planned to have the building completed and ready for occupancy by July 1st, 1915.

DR. FRANK D. SHEETS,

Who Will Preach at the Methodist Church Next Sunday Evening.

Dr. Frank D. Sheets has been for many years a prominent member of the Rock River Conference of the Methodist church. In fact, all his life in the ministry, with the exception of a single pastorate in Los Angeles, California, has been spent in this conference. He has had several long pastorates in important churches, notably at Court St., Rockford, where he remained six years, and at Edgewater, Chicago, where he was pastor for eight years.

Dr. Sheets has been honored by appointment on important commissions in the church and has been the recipient of marked tokens of the confidence of both ministers and laymen. Before the readjustment of the districts Dr. Sheets was superintendent of the Joliet district, but the last conference created an Aurora district, including Downers Grove, and Dr. Sheets was made its superintendent. Next Sunday evening will be the first opportunity of hearing the new district superintendent in the Downers Grove pulpit, and a large attendance is expected at that service.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

Last Friday afternoon forty ladies of St. Paul's Evangelical Church surprised their minister's wife, Mrs. Pahl, it being her birthday. The afternoon was pleasantly spent having a social time, after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Pahl was presented with a pretty quilt as a token of their esteem and respect.

AGED WHEATON WOMAN

VICTIM OF BRUTAL ATTACK

A brutal attack was made on Mrs. Anna Schwartz, 75 years old, by a negro employe last Saturday morning at the home of her son, Dr. George W. Schwartz, in Wheaton. The assailant, Jesse Williams, was arrested at Aurora by Chief of Police Michels and after confessing his crime was taken to the Wheaton jail by Sheriff Hestermann, who with a posse had trailed the miscreant to Aurora. It is the intention of the county authorities to immediately convene the grand jury and expedite the trial.

The details of the crime were revolting. The negro had been often employed in the Schwartz home doing chores and odd jobs. Early Saturday morning he overheard two members of the household say that they would be away for the day, leaving Mrs.

Schwartz alone in the house. About an hour later he returned and entered the kitchen. When Mrs. Schwartz came into the room he made a savage lunge at her. Then he beat her and otherwise injured her and dragging her to a closet threw her on the floor and piled soiled clothing on her unconscious body.

It was more than an hour before Mrs. Schwartz having regained her senses managed to crawl to a neighbor's and relate what had occurred. The negro was traced to Aurora and arrested.

When brought back to Wheaton he was placed in the cell occupied by Harry Spencer, who was hanged for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Rexroat.

Mrs. Schwartz is still in a serious condition.



Jesse Williams confessing attack and robbery upon Mrs. Frances Schwartz, 75 years old, of Wheaton, after three hours of sweating by Chief of Police Michels, Captain Grass and Chief of Detectives Wirz. The picture was taken as Chief

Michels was assuring the negro that his guilt had been established. Detective Wirz is writing down the replies of Williams. Sheriff Hestermann of DuPage county is sitting in the window.

MICHAEL J. O'DONNELL.

For forty-three years the ready smile, the cheering word and the helping hand of Michael J. O'Donnell brightened the earth, though for twenty years he suffered from an ailment which gave him few days free from pain or discomfort. For sixteen years he played his part in Downers Grove and won for himself friends wherever he turned, friends who last Saturday were shocked and grieved to learn that no more could they hear his cheery voice nor grasp his friendly hand. Hopeful, patient to the last, he died in St. Mary's hospital while a second operation which it was hoped would restore him to health was being performed.

Michael J. O'Donnell, to his friends he was always just "Mike," was born in Charlesville, Ireland. When eighteen years old he came to Chicago and a few years later was stricken with pleurisy from which he never fully recovered. Sixteen years ago he came to Downers Grove and began to gather around him the host of friends who now mourn his departure.

In his work he was honest to a fault and would often give more than was bargained for rather than permit anyone to think that he had not fulfilled a contract. His deeds of kindness were unnumbered—he was everyone's friend. He had only a smile for his own troubles, his tears were for another's woes.

Eleven weeks ago he went to the hospital where an operation was performed and physicians and friends looked for his recovery.

Complications set in and a second operation was decided on in the hope of saving his life.

ADD O'DONNELL.
The effort failed, and while still under the soothing influence of the anaesthetic the brave spirit of Michael O'Donnell passed into the Great Beyond.

Funeral services were held at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. J. Deegan in Belmont street and at St. Joseph's church, where solemn requiem high mass was said, Dr. Eneas B. Goodwin officiating, who spoke in loving remembrance of the manly qualities of the deceased.

Numerous floral pieces testified the esteem in which he was held, and many of those who mourned followed the cortege to St. Bernard's cemetery. The active pall bearers were: Thomas Skelly, T. F. Kelly, Harry L. Blodgett, B. C. White, John Atzell and William Roth. Honorary pall bearers preceded the funeral procession.

MRS. MARY KATE CRESKY.

Mrs. Mary Kate Cresky, widow of the late D. W. Cresky and a resident

of Downers Grove since the early seventies, departed this life Sunday, February 28, in the eighty-second year of her age. Her death brought sorrow to many who through years of storm and sunshine had come to know her loving, gentle disposition and to admire her steadfast perseverance in the ways of kindness. She was throughout her whole life essentially a home-lover and yet no storm was so severe and no weather too inclement for her to journey forth on a quest of mercy. For her deeds of kindness she will long live in the memory of her friends.

Mrs. Cresky had been in normal health until a few months ago when she suffered a severe fall, which injured her internally. For a time she was at the Hinsdale sanitarium and then in a hospital. About two weeks ago she returned to Downers Grove to the home of Mrs. John Holland, where the end came peacefully and calmly shortly before midnight last Sunday.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. Wilbur Babcock officiating. Interment was in the West Side cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

MRS. CHRISTINA HANSEN.

Mrs. Christina Hansen, who with her daughter Helen was a resident of Downers Grove from 1892 until last August, died three weeks ago in Seattle, Wash., where she had gone with her daughter to be near other relatives.

Some months before their departure Mrs. Hansen suffered an injury to her foot and complications set in to which she succumbed.

News of her death reached here in a letter from Miss Helene Hansen telling that the last happy days of her mother's life were spent in the home of her favorite nephew, R. S. B. Jansen, 3238 West 62nd street, Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Hansen was born in Fredrickstad, Norway, May 28, 1838, and was a devoted wife and mother. Many floral tributes were sent by friends in their western home. Interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery. A daughter and a son survive her.

The many friends of Miss Hansen sympathize with her in her bereavement.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Deegan wish to express their heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors for the kindness shown to their brother, Michael O'Donnell during his illness, and also their appreciation for the sympathy in their bereavement, shown by kindly deeds and beautiful floral offerings.



Which of the young men like those in the picture will hold his job if one of them is to be let out? Which one may be discharged if he does not change his habits? Just this sort of a thing is going on every day with men— young men and older ones. Do some thinking and you will put money in our bank.

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