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BUSINESS MEN HOLD JOLLIFICATION

Talks, Laughter and Music at First Annual Banquet Make Affair Big Success—A. G. Michel Welcomed Diners

The first annual banquet of the Downers Grove Business Men's association was held last Tuesday evening in the Grand Army hall in the Heart block. More than 100 enjoyed the occasion and did justice to the menu and took part in the hour of merriment which followed the banquet.

In his address of welcome, President A. G. Michel outlined the aims and achievements of the association, which were discussed in more detail by B. E. Kehler in response to the toast, "Our Association." The Downers Grove orchestra, under the leadership of George Nargney, discoursed sweet melody at intervals through the evening. Mrs. Kent Wylie charmed her hearers with two classic selections sung in faultless manner. A tragic courtroom scene in a western town was inimitably portrayed by the Rev. F. J. Milnes. Charles Davis sang "Invictus" and "Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt," and was heartily applauded, while the haunting refrain of "Du, Du, Liegst Meir im Heartz," sung by Mr. and Mrs. Michel, held the audience spellbound.

At the suggestion of the toastmaster of the evening, H. P. Jones, who was called to fill the place of the selected master of ceremonies, Capt. Anson Backus, who was unavoidably

detailed, several of the singing members of the association regaled their assembled victims with various ditties descriptive of some of the business men.

Black and blue, the favorite colors of Carl Staiger and B. E. Kehler, were pointedly mentioned by the singers and all present joined in the chorus of: "Levi Mertz, Gesundheit to you; You're all right the whole long day through, Drink it down, Drink it down, Drink it down, down, down."

Rupert Bateman discovered a vein of oratory, hitherto unsuspected by him. Hubert Jones told a "chicken" story, and Prof. Butler vainly urged that he was no business man as an excuse to keep from addressing the gathering. Dr. Smith made a few pithy remarks, which were applauded to the echo.

Taken by and large, or as one of those present put it, "up one side and down the other," it was a most enjoyable affair and one which will be long remembered by the Business Men's association and their guests. All through the program ran a spirit of love for the village, the real booster sentiment without which no town, city or state can amount to anything. Wright catered.

RAISE CHICKENS? Loo Kow!

We understand there is in force an ordinance compelling owners to keep their chickens penned. Many complaints have come in to the village authorities during the past two weeks about chickens scratching and eating tulips and other flowers just now peeping above the ground. We think it would be a wise move to keep chickens penned and avoid any trouble with neighbors and village officers.

VILLAGE POPULATION INCREASING

Babies Show Judgment Commendable in Much Older People by Picking Out Downers in Which to Live.

Since October first, sixty-six young persons have come to Downers Grove with the intention of making it their permanent home. So far none of the sixty-six, and, by the way, each of them is less than six months old, has shown any dissatisfaction with the village or the surroundings. As a matter of fact none of these babies has developed any great linguistic ability, though all of them have displayed rare judgment in selecting such an ideal birthplace as Downers Grove.

Indeed the judgment displayed by these possible future presidents, orators, doctors, lawyers, merchants or musicians would do credit to many older heads, and will, we hope be emulated by many seekers for homes away from the noise and rush of the city, away from the grime and smoke of factories, and out in the restful surroundings which make Downers Grove the ideal home town.

The vital statistics involved in the foregoing paragraphs were supplied by the local physicians, and may be depended upon. Sixty-six births in half a year is a pretty good record for the village.

VILLAGE VERSIFIER SINGS PRAISES OF DOWNERS GROVE

Not many days ago the author of a column, entitled "In the Wake of the News" in the Chicago Tribune, printed some verses celebrating the beauties of Riverside, one of the suburbs to the east of Downers Grove. In the poem various comparisons more picturesque than full of truth were made, among them being certain comments on the temperature here and elsewhere as compared with the balmy climate of Riverside.

Stung by the injustice of the verses, Roy A. Burt, a loyal son of Downers, if ever there was one, indited the following effusion and sent it "special delivery" to R. W. Lardner, the author of the "Wake." It appeared in the "Wake" beneath a caption of "O Piffle," which expression presumably referred to the impression the verses made on the inspired champion of Riverside.

I will concede that that there town
Wherein you do reside,
The place that's near a river and
Is known as ————
Must be a lovely place to live
In spring time or in fall;
But summertime or wintertime
It can't compare at all
With that delicious village
Wherein I like to rove.
It's only ten miles west of you;
It's name is ————

L'Hint.
This place is on the B——n;
You board the train and ride
Right through that old potato patch
That you call ————
And very soon the brakeman shouts:
"Next stop, that heavenly cove
That borders on a forest, and
They call it ————"
—R. A. B.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY.

Members of the Home Economics Committee of the Downers Grove Woman's Club entertained their friends last Friday afternoon at a St. Patrick's Day party. The affair was at the residence of Mrs. T. M. Campbell, chairman of the committee. The rooms were tastefully decorated in appropriate colors, and the sixty who attended had a most enjoyable time. Among the features which kept the merriment at its height, was a contest in which all present sought to make an Irish potato look like a doll, by means of cunningly devised garments. Mrs. A. F. Bordwell was awarded the prize, a basket of spuds, for the skill she displayed. Gaelic melodies were sung by Mrs. Blackman and Mrs. McClure.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

On the evening of March 17th, Mrs. Helen McDonald was guest of honor at a birthday dinner given for her at the Wright Hotel by the Mr. and Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Lynch of East Grove shared the honors with her, having also chosen this most auspicious date for her birthday.

The guests, six in number, enjoyed a fine dinner, the crowning glory of which was a gorgeous three-story cake made for the occasion by Miss Paulina La Budda, the capable chef of the hotel.

Favors of Irish flags were carried away by the guests who voted the affair a great success.

"CHANGED IDEALS IN PHILANTHROPY"

To Be Discussed by the Rev. F. J. Milnes Before the Woman's Club.

At the next regular meeting of the Downers Grove Woman's Club, next Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. F. J. Milnes will discuss "Changed Ideas in Philanthropy." Mr. Milnes will take the place on the club program which Mrs. Leshman was to have filled, and will speak on the subject chosen by her.

Last week club members were told of the achievements of the Woman's City Club of Chicago, by Miss Harriet Vittum and were given an insight into the activities of the club which has done so much in the past few years for the big city by the lake.

BIRD CENTER NEWS.

The graduating exercises of the district school of Bird Center will occur on Friday evening, April 9th, at 8 o'clock, in the Congregational church of the village.

The 1915 class of Bird Center is in many ways the most remarkable class ever graduated from this school. For their age their class achievements exceed anything ever known in the neighborhood. All who live within available distance should not fail to be present on this most unusual occasion.

In order to facilitate handling of crowd, admission will be by ticket only.

A full program of the exercises will appear in next week's issue.

EASTER MATINEE

Benefit Musicals.

For the small sum of fifteen cents you are invited to enjoy a musical treat at the Methodist church at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, April 10.

The Philanthropy Committee of the Woman's Club are arranging this entertainment and have secured to help them Mrs. Wm. Brown who will give two musical readings, which, so far as known, have never been given in Downers Grove before. They have also secured the services of some of our well known musicians: Mrs. J. C. White; Miss Mariana Roe, the Misses Lower and Jones; Mesdames Raasweller, Blakeman, Wiley, Michel, also Miss Avis Lempke.

Next week a complete program will be published.

The proceeds of this afternoon will be given to charity.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The grade manual training boys are working this week on bird houses, to be placed in various parts of our village. Bird houses are such a joy to birds and boys that they should be placed by the thousands.

Supt. H. A. Vone of the Batavia schools spent Monday afternoon visiting our schools and inspecting our new building.

We are in receipt of an invitation from the board of education of Batavia, Ill., to be present at the dedication of their new high school building Monday evening, March 29th.

Nothing is best for a child in school that is not good for him out of school.

The teacher who gets a boy or girl inspired to stand square in the day of temptation may be doing a greater social service than the man who gives a million to found a hospital. This is true because this inspired boy or girl may start matters to moving which will be far greater in the sum total of final results than the hospital will ever accomplish.

The total receipts from the sale of tickets to the "Smuggler" were \$141.90. The total expenses were \$23.15, leaving a balance of \$118.75. This will be used partly on the new piano and part will be spent at the North Side school.

Supt. Butler and sons, Malvin and Max, were hosts at a 6 o'clock dinner Thursday evening in honor of the H. S. basketball team and coaches, Messrs. Robison and Hawley.

The out of town teachers leave this week for their respective homes to spend a week's vacation.

The April meeting of the Congregational Philathea class will be held on Friday evening, the 2d, at the home of Mrs. Edward F. Lacey, 116 North Main street. Do not fail to come and bring a friend.

W. P. WHITNEY.

W. P. Whitney, 67 years old, died Saturday, March 6th, at the home of his daughter on North Main street. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 10th, by Rev. James Jenness, and the body was shipped to Burlington, Iowa, his old home. His daughter, Mrs. Marshall, is very thankful to the people of Downers Grove who enabled her to ship the remains and for the assistance rendered her so willingly.

THE "PRUDENT MAN" WILL BE WARE OF SMOOTH STRANGERS WITH NICE SEEMING SCHEMES



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Vegetables seeds 2c package Flower seeds 3c package

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MOTIOGRAPH NEWS!

SATURDAY MARCH 27th

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"The Fable of Hifaluting Tillie and Her Plain Parents",
Essanay Comedy

Two shows every Wednesday and Saturday at 7:20 and 9:45

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