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## WHEATON WINS TRACK MEET

Diener and Curtiss Star For Locals, Former Breaking Three County Records.

The great athletic surprise of the year has proven to be the Downers Grove High School track team. With but one week of practice Coach Hawley's athletes not only made the best showing ever made by a Downers Grove team, but succeeded in breaking three county records as well.

Diener and Curtiss were the individual stars for the Grove. Curtiss winning the 100 yard dash by a wide margin; time 10 4-5 seconds. Diener accomplished the remarkable feat of breaking the county records for the pole vault, broad jump and the discus throw. The new record for the pole vault is 9 feet 9 inches. Both Diener and Curtiss easily broke the former record for the broad jump. Diener jumping 19 feet 4 1/2 inches; Curtiss 19 feet 4 inches. The discus was thrown 101 feet 11 1-2 inches.

The relay race proved the most exciting as well as the most coveted race of the afternoon. Three schools competed, Hinsdale, Wheaton and Downers Grove. Curtiss led off for the Grove, and finding that his opponent would not sprint, left him so far behind that the race was practically won at the end of the first quarter. Not content with the lead established by Curtiss, Sacksteder increased it by twenty feet and Griffith added thirty more. Diener, not satisfied with having broken three records, crossed the tape before his opponent had covered more than half the last

quarter. The relay race has been won by Downers Grove three years consecutively. A silver cup is given as a trophy for this race.

Wheaton won the meet with 46 1/2 GAL. 2A points, while Hinsdale took second with 42 1/2 points. Downers Grove, Elmhurst and Naperville took third, fourth and fifth respectively, with 18, 5 and 3 points. Davidson of Hinsdale proved himself high individual point winner with a total of 19 points to his credit. Meyers of Wheaton, was second with 17, and Diener of Downers Grove, third with 15. The Downers Grove team took the relay with a big lead and thus secured possession of the loving cup, Diener proving himself a star performer in this event as well as in the pole vault and discus throw. Davidson of Hinsdale, broke the shot put record with 42 feet 11 inches. Merrill of Wheaton, broke the mile run record, covering the distance in 4:50. Naperville secured only three points, they being won by O. Stenger, who took second in the 440-yard run.

The Oratorical and Musical contests held in the evening proved close and interesting. Mr. Chandler of Hinsdale and Miss Felicitas Rickshar of Naperville, tied for first honors in rank, but Hinsdale proved the winner on percentages. The musical contest was won by the Wheaton chorus.

### SACRED CONCERT AT THE METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING.

A program of sacred music has been arranged for next Sunday evening by the choir of the Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Jenness. A cordial invitation to attend this service is extended to all, especially to those who are lovers of music as an aid to worship.

## SAVE THE COUNTY WOODLANDS

This Slogan Is Being Echoed Throughout the County—Vote June 7.

About once in a generation an occasion arises in which the average every day citizen can do something which will materially help the community in which he resides, not only in his life time but through the succeeding years when he will be scarcely a memory. Such a time has arrived for Du Page county and for every man and woman who possesses the right to vote. The occasion is the forest preserve act. The time is June 7. The duty and the privilege is to vote for the forest preserve and so perpetuate the beauty spots, our natural woodlands, for our own pleasure and for the delight of generations to come.

The proposition to save the forests should appeal with great force to all residents of Downers Grove. For years we have gloried in the possession of beautiful woodlands surpassing in natural attractions all the glories of the artificial parks of great cities. We have become accustomed to the woods and have seldom stopped to think that our admission to those natural temples was on sufferance alone, and not by right. At any moment our freedom to wander through the sylvan shades, to pluck the fragrant flowers and to delight in the wonders of nature could and can be taken from us. Not that we anticipate such a loss but should the owners decide to raze the forest no protest of ours would have to be heeded.

Through the medium of the forest preserve act the people of Du Page county on June 7 are to determine whether any effort shall be made to keep at least some of the present forests intact as pleasure grounds for Du Page county folks. If the proposition carries the county supervisors will automatically become the commissioners of the Du Page county forest preserve and as such will have the right to designate what tracts shall be bought and held in perpetuity for the benefit of Du Page county residents. Each village in the county has woods near it. Downers Grove is particularly fortunate in having on the immediate west a stretch of woodland which in the abundance and variety of its flora can scarcely be equalled in Illinois.

This tract, through the kindness of the estate of Marshall Field and of the late General A. C. Duca, has for years been a source of constant joy to the residents of the village and one of the great attractions of the town. The future of the village without the woods is not a nice thing to contemplate.

How much will it cost the taxpayer if the proposition carries? The tax CANNOT EXCEED ONE MILL ON THE DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUE OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY, NOT THE ACTUAL VALUE BUT THE ASSESSED VALUE.

Let us see just what this one mill tax actually means to the owner. Take for example a property which the owner thinks has a full cash value of about \$3,000, but which under our system the assessor places say at \$1,350. By the law of one-third that would mean an assessed value of \$450 upon which the amount our tax levy is made. A one mill tax on this property would be exactly 45 cents per annum. All other properties would be proportionate to this, according to their respective valuations, viz:

A property of fair cash value of \$6,000 would pay 90 cents per annum.  
A property of fair cash value of \$1,500 would pay 22 1/2 cents per annum.

In other words, one mill on the dollar means a ten cent actual tax on each \$100, not of the actual but of the assessed valuation. Remember:

First, this would be the limit possible to levy and the forest preserve portion must come within that amount.

Second, this can only be spent in acquiring land which immediately becomes the property of our county and an asset of ever increasing value.

Third, after reserve land has been acquired this forest preserve tax automatically stops.

Fourth, railroads and large outside corporations pay one-third of all. Literally all the land bought for forest preserves, and which becomes the property of our county, our railroads and foreign corporations actually pay for one-third. They receive their reward through the development of this territory.

### CONGREGATIONAL PHILATHEA CLASS.

The class meeting will be held on Friday evening, June 4th, at the home of Mrs. F. C. Lacey, 112 Highland avenue. Come and bring a friend.

## BUSINESS MEN INDORSE FOREST RESERVE PLAN

Adopt Resolution at Special Meeting Indorsing Preserve for DuPage County.

At a special meeting of the Downers Grove Business Men's Association, held last Thursday evening in the Village Hall, the business men unanimously adopted a resolution indorsing the Forest Reserve Movement for DuPage County.

Mr. F. O. Butler of Hinsdale, was present and explained the salient features of the proposition, its advantages and the short space of time it took with a one-mill tax, to raise enough money so every town in the county could have a natural park in which to picnic, study nature, etc. His talk was very good and was well received by the business men who promised to do all in their power to have this plan adopted by the county.

### LIBRARY BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.

A personally conducted tour through The Holy Land, with glimpses of the radiant beauty of that land of promise, its rugged fastnesses, its verdant meadows, its peaceful valleys and above all the scenes so dear to our faith through their close association with the life and work of The Master, will be given Friday evening, June 11th, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, through the medium of "Travel Talk," by A. E. Hemphill, illustrated with stereopticon views.

For a number of years Mr. Hemphill, whose home is in Holyoke, Mass., journeyed through Palestine studying its Biblical history and since then his Travel Talk has been given in many cities and in a number of eastern colleges. In addition to the views of Judea, Mr. Hemphill will present pictures and a description of the Panama Canal through which he recently passed.

The entertainment is being given for the benefit of the new public library now in course of erection through the gift of Mr. Carnegie and the proceeds will be devoted to aiding in furnishing the library room. Musical numbers will be given by M. Kelsch, a violinist of note who will be accompanied by his daughter. A male quartette is also to sing. The affair is under the auspices of the Downers Grove Woman's Club members of the Library Committee, of which Mrs. Nelson J. Perron is chairman. Both by reason of the excellence of the program and the cause which it aims to help the affair should be well attended.

### NAPER POST G. A. R.

Decoration Day will be observed by Naper Post No. 468, G. A. R., on Monday, May 31st, 1915. The Post will meet at the Post Hall at 8:30 a. m. Will go to Hinsdale on the 9:07 train and hold their services at the Fullersburg Cemetery, returning to Downers Grove on the 12 m. train. Will meet at the Post Hall at 2:15 p. m. and form and march to the Cemetery, where the usual services will be held; going from there to the Methodist Church, where the oration of the day will be delivered by Rev. Brown of Hinsdale. The Post extends a cordial invitation to the lodges, societies, churches, schools and all citizens of Downers Grove to take part in the services of the day. T. S. ROGERS, Commander. R. W. BOND, Adjutant.

### MR. JAMES DREW.

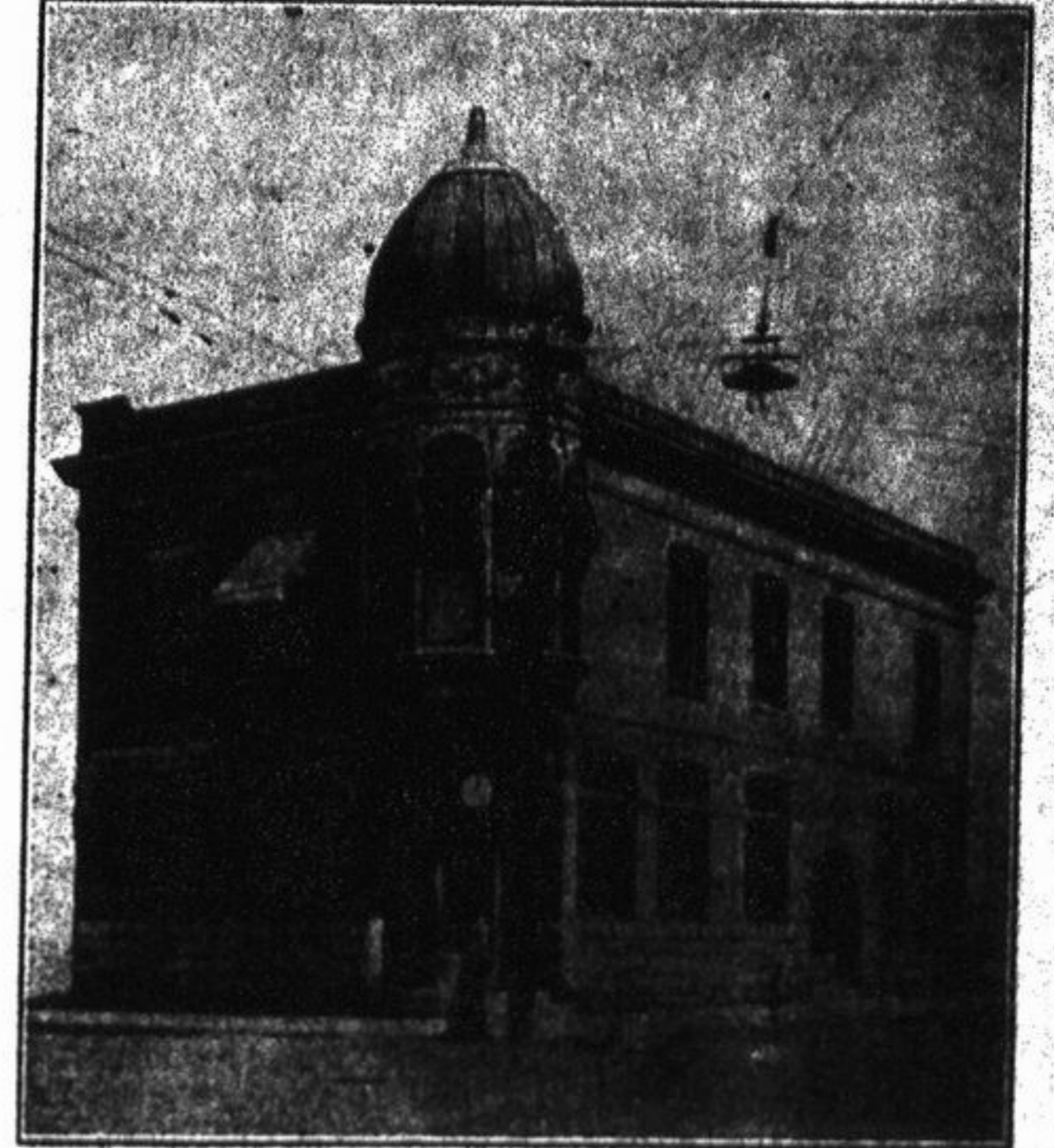
Mr. James Drew who died in Oswego, Thursday, May 20, and was buried at Cass Sunday, was well known in this vicinity. He was born in England in 1827, coming to this country in 1848 and spent his life farming at Cass until about fifteen years ago, when he went to Oswego.

The funeral services were held at the home of his son Arthur on Forest avenue, the Rev. Jenness of the M. E. church officiating.

### AS DOWNERS GROVE COULD WRITE IT.

In view of the result of the recent competition in chorus work at the Wheaton High School meet one of the stanzas of Kipling's Recessional might be recast as follows: "Far sung our banner fades away 'Mid sweet strains mounting higher—higher— But 'Wheaton Wins' and all our hopes Are one with Ninevah and Tyre."

The G. A. R. men are invited to attend the First Evangelical church, Maple and Main streets, in a body to its Sunday morning service. Special singing by the children will be a feature and the G. A. R. men will appreciate the service.



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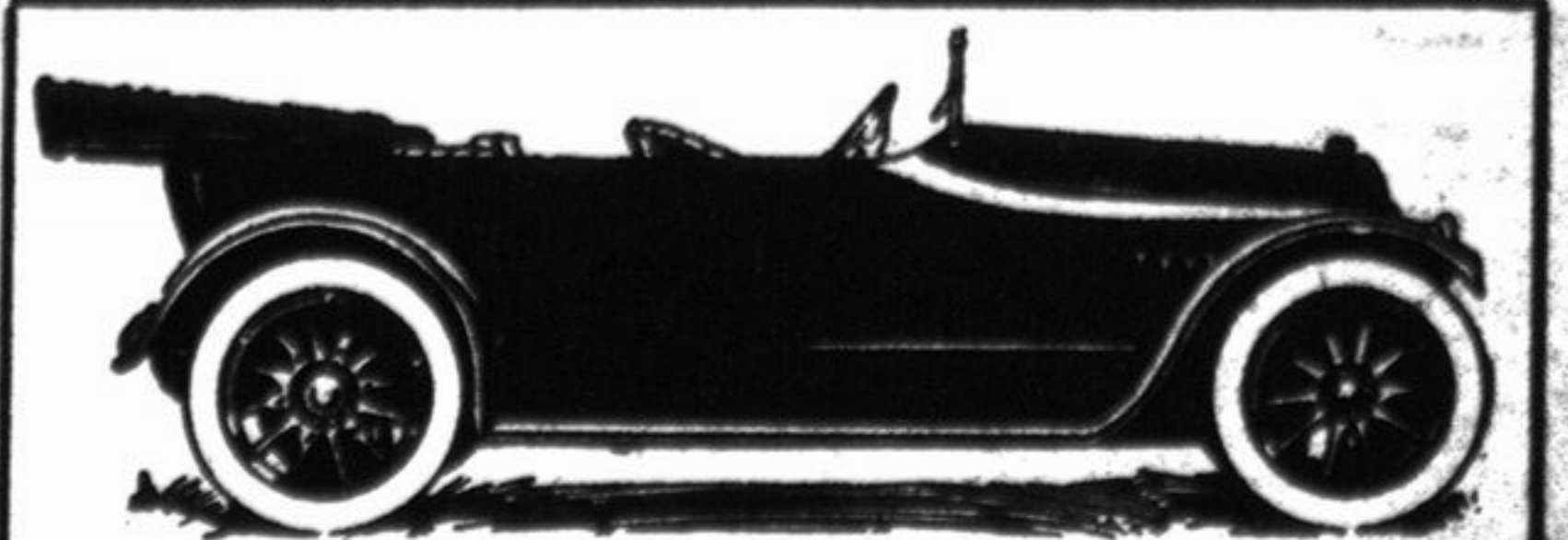
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