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DOWNERS GROVE TO PICNIC AGAIN

Electric Park, Plainfield, Is to Entertain Large Crowd of Local People Wednesday.

"If we only have a nice, sunny day," is the plaint of one local business man. That will be the only factor with which the Downers Grove Business Men's Association will have to reckon next Wednesday on their second annual holiday and picnic. Every other arrangement possible have been made and a great time is expected.

Every resident of Downers Grove and vicinity and all their friends are invited to participate in the big picnic and the many good things the business men have planned for the day. The picnic committee have been working for weeks to make this annual affair a great success and as we go to press they say it will rival anything they have ever done.

There will be special cars attached to the train going west at 8:49 to accommodate the folks and special cars at Aurora to make the run to Electric Park, near Plainfield, which will again ring to the shouts of the merry makers. Last year's picnic was held in his park and such "a good time was had by all" that it was decided to hold the picnic there again.

A Baseball Game Has Been Arranged Between the Town Team and Plainfield to Be Played in the Afternoon and It Should Prove a Big Drawing Card.

Music has been provided for and the big pavilion rented for those who desire to trip the light fantastic and other new dances.

Games and races of every description are carded for entertainment and suitable prizes have been offered by local business men to the contestants.

All Downers Grove business houses will be closed all day.

CHARLES STEERE.

Charles Steere, who lived most of his life in this village, died Tuesday morning, August 3rd, at the home of his brother, Harry J. Steere, in Steger, Illinois. To all except the most recent residents of the town he was well known, as all of his boyhood and young manhood was spent here. His friends were many and all sincerely mourn his untimely departure and the suffering which was his portion for the last few years of his life.

His character was kindly, straightforward and manly. His work brought him into close touch with many homes and everywhere he was a favorite.

Charles Steere was born in Pennsylvania June 17, 1877, and with his parents and brothers and sisters came to Downers Grove when he was a small boy.

Several years ago he was attacked by a malady which resisted every effort to dislodge it and to which he finally succumbed.

He left a widow and a son, Donald; two brothers, H. J. Steere, of Steger, Ill., and George F. Steere, of Dallas, Texas, and three sisters, Mrs. Archie Marvin, of Naperville; Mrs. John Cook, of Chicago, and Mrs. Ed. Wootton, of Mississippi.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the home of Ben Weatherbee. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery. Members of Maple Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, with which he was affiliated, were pallbearers.

SCHOOL TEACHERS SELECTED

Following is a list of school teachers who have been selected for the 1915-1916 term:

G. C. Butler, superintendent.

High School Teachers.
M. Maude Manley, Latin and German.

Anna Marm, Mathematics.
Harry Pifer, English and History.
Zella Corbett, Science.

Thorby Rehner, Commercial.
Jesse M. Hawley, Manual Training and Coach.

Ethel C. Livingston, Domestic Science.
Claire Zollinger, Music Supervisor.

Grades.

7th and 8th Departmental Work:
Cecelia Chapin, History and Art.
Maude E. Whiffen, Geography.

Mable Drach, English and Music.
Della A. Winters, Mathematics.

6th Grade, Genevieve Robertson.
6th Grade, Frances Callan.

5th Grade, Ruth O. Larson.
5th Grade, Ruth Ryming.

4th Grade, Hattie Otis Bryce.
4th Grade, Mary G. Draser.

3rd Grade, Anna Herring.
3rd Grade, Grace E. Hale.

2nd Grade, Lucy L. Smith.
2nd Grade, Zoe Waggoner.

1st Grade, Agatha Sweet.
1st Grade, Nina C. Taylor.

Everything about the schools and grounds is being put into excellent condition for the school opening, Tuesday, September 7th.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT

The Selig Block in Main street, occupied by the millinery store of the Selig Sisters, now rejoices in a new front of vitrified brick which gives it quite a metropolitan appearance.

Big plate glass windows adorn the western exposure and within metallic ceilings have been installed.

The place is a credit to the business sense and the progressiveness of the proprietors, the Misses Selig.

JOHNSON-HUMBARGER

Miss Jennie Johnson and Mr. Clyde Humbarger, both of Downers Grove, were quietly married at the home of Rev. Winfield S. Williams, 932 East 44th street, Chicago, on the evening of July 19.

They spent a short honeymoon with the groom's parents in Indiana on the banks of the Wabash and are now living at Belmont and Saratoga avenues.

NAPERVILLE HAS NEW MOTOR LAW

Vehicles of All Descriptions Must Abide by New Traffic Regulations.

The Naperville board of commissioners has passed a new traffic ordinance which applies to all vehicles which use the public paves. This is the most drastic set of rules which has yet come under our notice and Downers Grove motorists would do well to get posted on the rules if they have any occasion to go through Naperville. It may save them the trouble of being arrested and the money for fines.

This new law goes into effect on August 12 and some of the stipulations can be seen from the following paragraphs, clipped from this week's "Clarion":

"If you are going north and do not want to meet yourself coming south, stop, look, and listen. The other man going east and west has the right of way on Naperville streets."

"Is your time worth one dollar a second? The time you save in crossing a street intersection 'catacornered' will cost you \$5 after August 12. It will pay you to make a right angle instead of a diagonal. Moreover you cross diagonally at your own risk."

"It is all right to 'make a noise in the world,' but if you use your auto muffler to make that noise in Naperville after August 12 it will cost you \$5 a noise, or more for the second offense."

"Have you learned your lessons yet—Naperville's new traffic rules? School takes up August 12. An examination before the justice will cost from \$5 to \$200. Better make good and escape the examination."

An ordinance such as this in Downers Grove might avert some accidents. It would make our streets safer for drivers of all sorts of vehicles at least.

ANDREW ARADO

Andrew Arado, of Chicago, died last Monday at the home of his brother, Gates Arado, whose farm is on the Northfield road, northwest of the village.

Five months ago his wife died and he seemed never to recover from his grief, and failed in health from week to week. A fortnight ago he went to his brother's farm, thinking the change of scene might benefit him. He grew gradually weaker, however, until the end.

Andrew Arado was born in Italy fifty-eight years ago and emigrated to America in 1870, settling in Chicago. He was a member of St. Mary's Court, Catholic Order of Foresters. He leaves a brother, Gates Arado, and two sisters in Italy.

Funeral services were held in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Wednesday. Interment was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

CALIFORNIA WEDDING BELLS

Halfpenny-Alford.

On Tuesday evening, July 27th, at Ontario, California, Fred E. Alford, formerly of Downers Grove and now city manager of Ontario, was united in marriage to Miss Anna Grace Halfpenny, also a resident of Ontario. They are both active workers in the Methodist church, Fred being president of the Epworth League.

Rev. Franklin G. Helling, a schoolmate of Fred's when they both attended the local public schools, performed the ceremony that made the young couple husband and wife. He is now a student in the University of Redlands and the pastor of the Ethanan Baptist Church. John Helling, of Los Angeles, acted as best man for Mr. Alford.

The bride and groom made a clever get-away for San Diego in Fred's new Overland roadster, eluding their friends who made a desperate effort to follow them. In San Diego they will visit the exposition and other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford will be at home to their friends in the beautiful new home Fred has built for his bride at 118 West H street, Ontario, Calif., after August 15th.

The 8:49 train next Wednesday morning will carry the large crowd of Downers Grove picnickers to Aurora where they will take the electric for Plainfield, the scene of the annual business men's picnic.

1915 CHAUTAUQUA SESSIONS ENDED

Plans Being Perforated For A Bigger and Better Assembly in Nineteen-Twelve

In every way, except weather conditions, the 1915 Chautauqua was the best up to date. The only objection that has been heard is that it seemed to be a few days too long, and the committee have practically decided that next year the time will be shortened to at least two days. The attractions gave very good satisfaction and the entertainment and instruction was varied enough to reach all classes of people. The success of the independent movement here has attracted interest from other places. Already there have been inquiries from Naperville regarding the success Downers Grove has had along that line.

Of the different attractions there were none but that seemed to give satisfaction to a majority of the people, and while there have been some criticisms regarding certain features that were objectionable, yet there was nothing seriously blameworthy. The consensus of opinion is that every one received uplift and help from these sessions.

The White Hussars gave a varied program, mostly musical, and were well received at each entertainment. The Dixie Jubilee Singers, coming for a return engagement, were greeted by large audiences and gave a magnificent program. While there is much of sameness in colored jubilee singing, yet the old love for home and folk lore songs, and the splendid voices of this company, combined to give much pleasure to the community for two days.

The two lectures by Bob Seeds created a great deal of interest. At the conclusion of his talk at night, many of the audience waited to discuss with him his methods of farming. The story of his success with a worn out eastern farm suggested many features of soil fertilization that were new to most of his audience. The extremely wet weather kept the farmers at home but the town folks showed a sufficient interest to lead one to believe that the "back to the farm" movement was attractive to them.

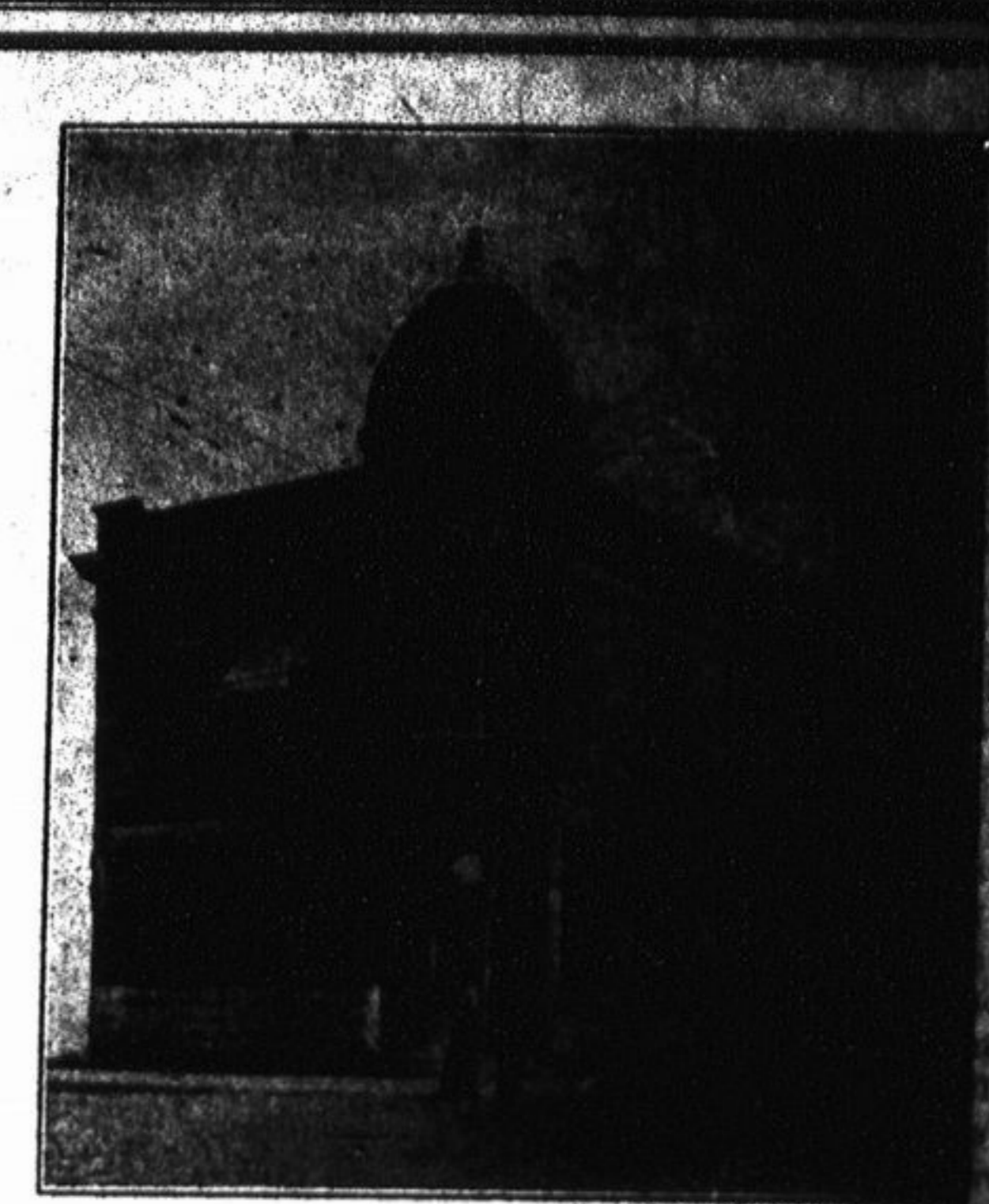
Miss Minna Mae Lewis, in her desire to do her part to make the Chautauqua a success, attempted an experiment that might have daunted a braver person, when she took the lecture hour Saturday afternoon, in addition to her program earlier in the week. She succeeded, however, and it was the consensus of opinion that the Saturday program exceeded that which she rendered earlier.

Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones delivered the addresses Sunday. His anti-militarism speech in the afternoon was a severe arraignment of the war spirit that has plunged Europe into desolation. At night he spoke on "Religion in the Plural Number." The tent was filled and many were seated around the edges. Mr. Jones proved himself to be one of the nation's best orators and in spite of weariness the audience was held in perfect attention.

The Community Chorus, under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Rasaweller, furnished the musical program for the closing day. It is needless to say that the audience expressed its appreciation. A meeting has been called to make this a permanent organization. Miss Mabel Drach rendered a delightful solo, "The Peace of God," which delighted the audience. By special request Mrs. Rasaweller sang "A Perfect Day." The applause with which her rendition of this beautiful solo was greeted was proof that Downers Grove appreciates the talent of the "home folks." There was no musical number on the entire program that was so universally enjoyed, apparently, as was this one.

There have been many times when discouragement came upon the committee, and those especially anxious to have a Chautauqua equal to the best, but the interest and attendance this year is very encouraging. The enthusiasm came to a climax when at the closing session Rev. Manshardt, who presided, called Mr. Phelps to the platform to publicly thank Messrs. Heintz and Wells, in the name of the preachers and the public, for their splendid interest and sacrificing work. With a few well chosen words, Mr. Phelps asked for an expression of thanks, and the magnificent audience rose and gave the Chautauqua salute. It was a splendid sight and expressed the gratefulness of the audience to these two men who have done so much to give us a successful Chautauqua.

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