

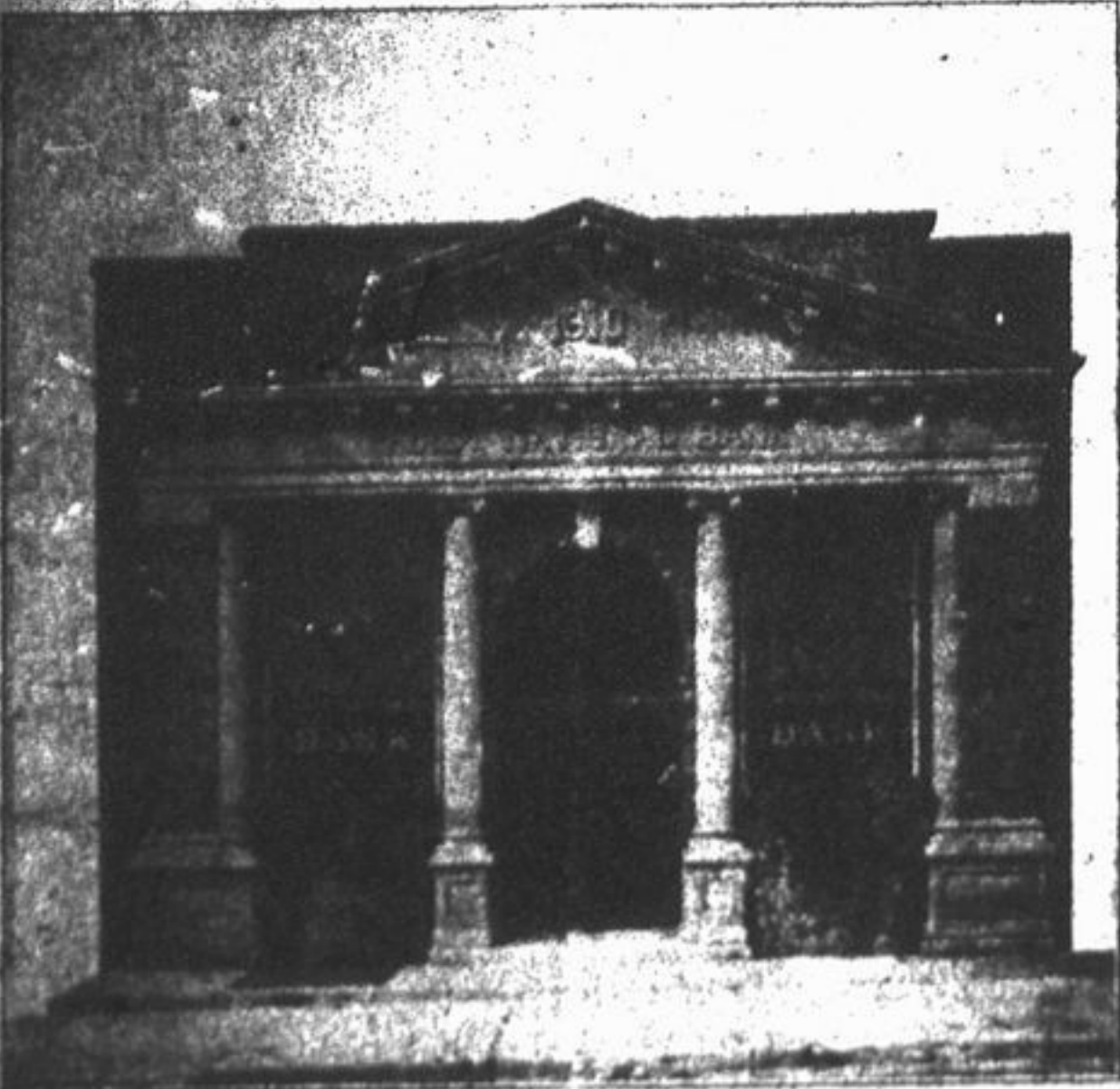
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N. B. Special Message for Children Soon.

SCHOOL YEAR OPENS SEPTEMBER SEVENTH

Buildings and Grounds Have Been
Put in Excellent Order for
Work.

By G. C. Butler, Superintendent.

The Downers Grove Public Schools
will open for the 1915-16 work on Tues-
day morning, September 7th.

Everything has been put in excel-
lent condition at both buildings for
the comfort of the boys and girls.
The janitors have been working at
cleaning and getting the
buildings ready for the coming school
year.

New direct flush toilets have been
installed at the south building, the
tile and woodwork painted, thus
making the toilet rooms modern and
a healthy sanitary.

In addition to the splendidly
appointed school buildings, some neces-
sary changes have been made in the
course of study.

The high school in Downers Grove
has numerous advantages to the boy
and girl who has completed the eight
years of the common school. Our
new high school building, which was
completed last December, is something
of which we are all proud, and the un-
conscious influence of working in such
a building is not likely to be over-
estimated, to say nothing of the ad-
vantages for class room instruction
and development.

Our accredited relations are as
high as any school in the state. Nine-
teen accredited units are allowed by
the University of Illinois. The school
is also a member of the North Cen-
tral Association of Colleges and Sec-
ondary Schools, which means that
the graduates from the Downers Grove,
provided they take the proper course,
may enter the Universities of Minne-
sota, Wyoming, North Dakota, South
Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri,
Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Michigan, In-
diana, Illinois and Ohio and such Col-
leges as Beloit, Knox, Oberlin and
other Colleges and Universities of the
Mississippi Valley of equal rank.

The school also offers opportunities
for those who wish a good general ed-
ucation with some special training,
but who do not expect to go to a high
er institution. Several good courses
in manual training, commercial work,
domestic and household science
etc. Pupils living outside the district
will find an excellent opportunity by
attending our grade or high school.
Perhaps nowhere will one find a bet-
ter school spirit and more excellent
moral conditions on the part of the
pupils than is found in our village.

We trust we may have the co-op-
eration of every home in the district
and that parents will impress the fact
on the minds of the boys and girls
that going to school is a business, and
that a business will not succeed with-
out much hard work. It is so easy
for the boys and girls to get the idea
that the end of life is pleasure, to the
extent that he leaves his work for his
pleasures and fails to realize that the
deepest kind of pleasure always comes
from work.

The serious purpose of high school
students should be their preparation
for future life work, and things of a
social nature should not be allowed
to interfere with their school work.
To this end we would ask the home,
the church and other societies to co-
operate with the school in having so-
cial engagements of the pupils placed
at week ends, in order that the even-
ings of school days may be devoted
to study. No parent who permits his
child to spend his evenings on the
street or to become absorbed in too
many social functions, should com-
plain if the child fails to do credit to
his school work, and later fails to
make a success in life.

We shall be very glad to offer any
help and suggestions to students or
their parents in selecting a course of
work for the coming year. Let us all
work together for the best things for
boys and girls in Downers Grove.
Sincerely,
G. C. Butler, Supt.

OLYMPICS WIN FROM HINSDALE "FEDS."

Beat Them by Score of 4-3 Before
Large Crowd at Santa Fe Park.

The Olympic A. C. baseball team of
Downers Grove (who have been win-
ning games all season) defeated the
Hinsdale "Feds" at the Farmers'
picnic at Santa Fe Park last Sunday.
The game was close and well played
and was witnessed by a very large
crowd of people who applauded every
play.

The Olympics will play a team from
Congress Park from the home grounds,
in East Grove, next Sunday. This is
the only local baseball team left, and
as the boys are playing a good, fast
game of ball (having lost only one
game all summer) the fans should
turn out in large numbers and give
them their support. The game next
Sunday should prove a good contest,
as the Congress Park club has quite
a "rep."

DICKE THEATER SCORES AGAIN.

Have Signed Contract to Run the Fa-
mous Paramount Picture Plays.

Mr. Dicke has often said the "best
is none too good for Downers Grove
people," and he has proved his asser-
tion by signing a contract to run
the best moving pictures made at the
present time.

The Paramount Picture Plays offer
a wide range of subject and their best
stars now acting before the moving
picture camera. They are known all
over the world for their clearness,
good photography and the exact por-
trayal of the subjects which they film.

Such great producers, directors and
writers as the following work for the
Paramount company exclusively:
Charles and Daniel Frohman, Henry
V. Savage, David Belasco, Olive Mo-
rosco and John Cort. The brightest
stars of the entire movie world act
before the Paramount cameras. Some
of the "stars" acted in the legitimate
and others are products of the movie
field entirely. Such names as the fol-
lowing are a guarantee of the quality
of the films. Mary Pickford, Margur-
ite Clark, Blanche Sweet, Elsie Janis,
Hazel Dawn, William and Dustin Far-
quhar, John Barrymore, Victor Moore
and Theodore Roberts.

That the local people appreciate the
best in photo plays can easily be seen
by the crowded houses at the Dicke
theater on Thursday nights when the
Famous Players films were booked.
The Paramount company have ab-
sorbed the Famous Players Company
with the best of the others and Mr.
Dicke has signed a contract to run
their plays two a week, Tuesday and
Thursday nights.

The first of these new plays will
run next Tuesday, August 23rd, and
will be "Behind the Scenes" with
Mary Pickford in the stellar role.

Mr. Dicke has let the contract for
fixing up his bowling alleys to the
Brunswick, Balke, Collander Company,
experts in their line. He will have
the billiard rooms and the alley room
redecorated for the coming season.

RECENT DEATHS

MRS. MARK H. FALVEY.

Mrs. Mark H. Falvey (nee Emma J.
Reese), for several years a resident
of Downers Grove, died last Thursday,
August 19, at her home south of the
village of a disease from which she
had long suffered.

Her final illness was not of long
duration. She received the consol-
ation of her religion from Father Good-
win of St. Joseph church. Those who
knew her best spoke often of her help-
fulness to others and her departure
is deeply mourned. She was born in
Piqua, Ohio, in 1868.

Funeral services were held Sunday
at the Church of the Precious Blood,
Congress street and Western avenue,
Chicago. Interment was in Mount
Carmel cemetery. Her husband, three
children, Mrs. W. Heitman of Morton
Park, Mrs. G. Simonson and Helen
Falvey of Downers Grove, and three
sisters are left to mourn her loss.
Mrs. C. Quigley and Mrs. J. DeLoria
of Chicago and Mrs. W. McCarty of
Haton Rouge, La.

MRS. BELLE PLATTS, FOR- MER RESIDENT, PASSES AWAY.

News has been received of the death
of Mrs. Belle Platts, mother of J. M.
Platts, both former residents of
Downers Grove. Mrs. Platts has for
several years lived with her son at
Sonora, Cal.

She celebrated her seventy-second
birthday on Saturday, August 14th,
and entered into rest August 15th,
after an illness of many years, which
became acute last April.

When in Downers Grove she was
a member of the Baptist Church, and
her passing away will bring regret to
many old friends.

TRAP SHOOTING TOURN- AMENT.

Chicago Man Victor With 96—Phil.
Hammersmith Gets 92.

Louis B. Clarke of Chicago, vice-
president of the Hibernian Banking
Association, last Friday put a fitting
climax to the Grand American trap
shooting tournament in Grant Park by
winning the Grand American handi-
cap, the big feature event of last
week's contests. Clarke, after tying
with three other contestants—M. E.
Dearre, J. J. Randall and C. C. Hick-
man—with a score of 96, came right
back and broke twenty straight tar-
gets in the shoot-off, which gave him
the highest honors of the year in
amateur ranks.

Phil. Hammersmith of Naperville
was among the 50 high scores that
were within the money. His score
was 92 out of a possible 100, which
placed him with it a cash prize of
\$78.15. When it is considered that
over 900 entries were in competition
it is a matter of pride to be so near
to the top of the winning list.

H. Hammersmith of Milwaukee won
the consolation handicap. Three
marksmen tied for first honors with
31 birds, and Hammersmith won the
shoot-off—Naperville Clarion.

WHO'S WHO? IN DOWNERS

NOTE.

The Reporter has long thought that
many of the residents of this charm-
ing burg are comparatively unaware
of the achievements and personality
of other villagers more or less prom-
inent in the neighborhood. To remedy
this deficiency, or at least in part to
lift the veil which now hides neighbor
from neighbor, it is the present inten-
tion of The Reporter to print, from
time to time, a short paragraph de-
scriptive of some of the worthy citi-
zens of the town under the caption:
"WHO'S WHO IN DOWNERS."
Look for the new paragraph. You
may see yourself there.

WHO'S WHO IN DOWNERS.

Who is it that a birthday has about
four times a year; who when the ball
team wins a game is always there to
cheer; who drives around serenely, in
not the largest car and says, "A small
one's better, you know them where you
are; who is it that returns to stand
laundry, called on Mr. Chevalier
for any bluff, and who won't leave a
session until he has enough; who at
a real good story will laugh until it
hurts? Who is it? Why who could
it be but good old LEVI MERZ?

REINFORCED CEMENT HOUSE NEARLY COM- PLETED.

First Structure of Its Kind to be
Erected in the Village.

A modern poured cement house, the
last word in enduring construction, is
being built in West Maple avenue on
the lot adjoining the Austin home-
stead by O. E. F. Hecht.

The house contains seven rooms
and is one of a number which Con-
tractor Conrad Carlson of Morton
Park has erected this summer. This
style of construction is new to Down-
ers Grove and the process of build-
ing has been watched with great in-
terest. The cement is reinforced with
steel bars throughout and the eight
inch walls of the building have a two
and a half inch air space, insuring
freedom from dampness and cold. The
building is a neat and handsome type
of a style which should grow rapidly
in favor, as its cost, it is said, does
not greatly exceed that of a frame
dwelling with a cement coat.

STABBED BY GIRL EM- PLOYE.

Last Saturday night George Kepos,
proprietor of the Lincoln Way res-
taurant in Washington street, was
stabbed in the back by Angelo Bes-
tousi, a young woman of Greek na-
tionality.

From what can be learned there
had been a quarrel and trouble brew-
ing between the girl and Kepos. It
came to a climax on Saturday night.
According to Kepos' story, he was
leaning over the ice box when he was
stabbed with a bread knife by the
hand of the young woman.

The knife penetrated near the shoul-
der blade but did not enter the lung.
The injured man crossed the street
to Dr. R. L. Truitt's office and had the
wound treated.

The girl escaped through the back
door of the restaurant and has not
been apprehended.—Naperville Clarion.

IT ALSO RAINS IN ARKANSAS.

Here is what George Klein of Mena,
Ark., formerly a resident of Downers
Grove, says: "You may tell the Re-
porter readers that it does rain in
Arkansas. Give my best regards to the
people of Du Page County, Illinois.
Yours, Geo. Klein.

He also sent two copies of the Mena
Evening Star. The Friday, August
20, issue says, "Precipitation for 24
hours ending at 7 a. m., today, 1.78
inches." The Thursday, August 29,
issue says, "Precipitation, 24 hours
ending at 7 a. m., today, 5.96 inches,
from 7 a. m., to 1 p. m., today, 1.21
inches. The first 15 days of August,
14.83 inches."

Yes, it does rain in Arkansas.

A BRAND NEW RAIN RE- CORD.

Total Precipitation for Month to Au-
gust 26, 15.40 inches.

Previous precipitation records for
August in Mena have gone as high as
this month by a margin of 6.02 inches,
with ten days to spare. The total for
the month is 15.40 inches, 9.24 inches
of which fell between 5 o'clock Tues-
day afternoon and 10 o'clock Thurs-
day night, and all except a light show-
er or two in the 47 hours ending at 4
o'clock Thursday afternoon. The
rainfall from Tuesday afternoon to
Thursday night came within 14 of an
inch of equaling the total for August,
1906, the heaviest that is recorded
back as far as 1896, this being as far
back as the records are accessible
here.

The normal precipitation for Au-
gust in Mena is 4.14 inches. It has
exceeded 9 inches on three occasions
since 1893. The smallest precipita-
tion in that period was in 1875, 1.11
of an inch, the second least being 1.50
in 1905.—The Mena Evening Star.



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