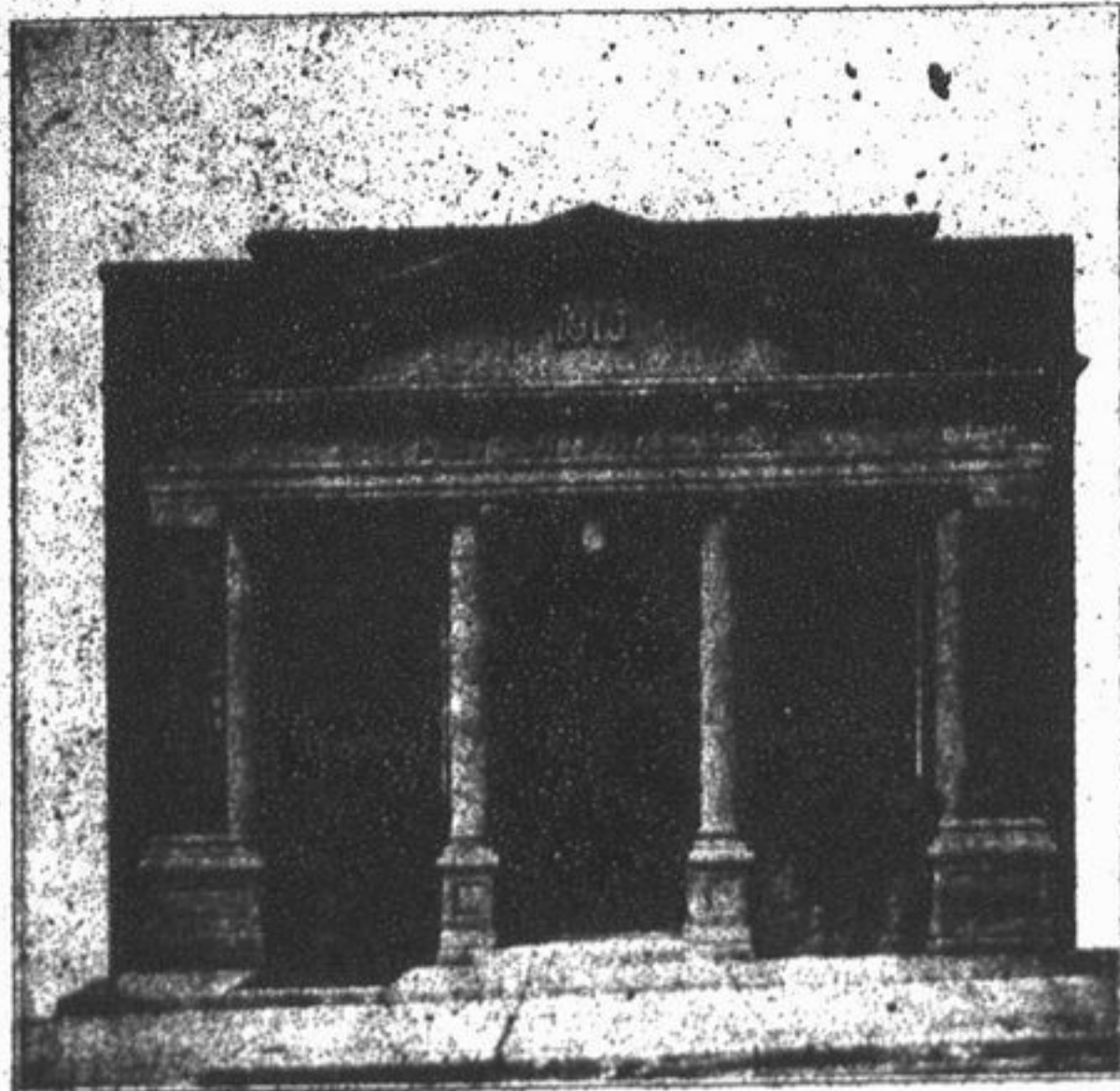


# DOWNERS GROVE REPORT

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## FINANCIAL FUTURES FOUNDED HERE



**\$1.00 Will Open an Account for You, or Your Child, at**

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- Whitehouse Macaroni & Spaghetti, 3 for **.25**
- Fancy Red Salmon, per can, **.20**
- Country Gentlemen Corn, solid pack, per doz. **1.10**
- Savoy 2 1/2 lb. can Hawaiian Pineapple, **.25**
- K. C. Baking Powder, per can, **.21**
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### LIBRARY NOTES

The directors of the Public Library announce that they expect to have the new library building completed and ready for occupancy about September 20th and have given notice that no more books will be issued to borrowers from the present library building after Tuesday, September 7th, and are also asking all those who have library books out to return them to the library not later than September 14th, as it is expected to commence moving into the new building shortly after that date.

All friends of the Public Library who have books on hand which they are expecting to donate to the new public library should send in those books without further delay, so that same may be catalogued and got ready for the shelves in the new building.

The committee appointed by the Women's Club to raise funds for the buying of furniture and books for the new library will soon complete their work. Nearly all friends of the library in the village have subscribed substantial amounts to this fund and the library board are hoping that they will be able to open up the new library without a dollar's indebtedness on either building or furniture. The list of those who have helped make this possible will soon be published. Is your name on the list? If not, better call up one of the committee without delay and have them add your name to this list of public-spirited citizens. The committee in charge of this are Mrs. H. P. Jones, Mrs. G. H. Runge, Mrs. E. G. Lemon, Mrs. I. B. Wells and Miss Fannie Stewart.

At the regular monthly meeting of the library board held Sept. 7th, it was decided that the new library will be open three days a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 3 until 9, and that the reading room only will be open on Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m.

### ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

How many citizens of the village of Downers Grove have devoted any careful consideration to the question which is to be decided at the special election to be held Saturday, Sept. 18, a week from tomorrow, "Shall the village of Downers Grove adopt the commission form of municipal government?"

In the answer to this question at the polls, personal prejudice should have no part. If the change will make for a better village it should be installed; if it will not improve conditions there is no occasion for a change.

Beyond question it is the duty of every voter to study the proposition and vote as his judgment dictates.

### VACATIONS.

Vacations are mistakes wrapped up in railroad tickets. They impede commerce, cause panics, and rob men of their wives and bank accounts. They were invented by a divorce lawyer whose father was a railroad magnate, and whose grandfathers had something to do with the first trans-continental steamship lines.

Vacations are made in all sizes and are for sale wherever there is a depot or boat landing. The larger ones have the power to drag a man onto an ocean liner and keep him in sight of the Pearly Gates for days, charging him full tuition while he is not eating a bite, but is feeding the fish with the last sandwich he ate before taking steerage. People who wonder how a steamship company can throw in meals with the passage fare do not understand how a man can throw them out after he gets the passage fare.

The smaller vacations chase one around the United States and sends him home with a souvenir of every thing in them but our mints.

Vacations prove that naturalists have no conception of the dimensions fish may attain, or of the number that may inhabit a given body of water. They prove, too, that men would rather sleep among snakes than bed-bugs, and that while they abhor a fly in their home they are willing to put themselves up as the meat course at a mosquito reunion. Vacations teach a man his wife is the best cook on earth, and that any woman who can turn an egg in a skillet without breaking the egg or saturating it with ash is worthy of a man of her own choosing. A man with a job and a home is a child of fortune, and if he doesn't appreciate them he deserves a vacation.

### DOWNERS GROVE—A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE.

To believe in signs has come to be regarded asavoring somewhat of superstition, a complaint to which few people will lay claim. Yet not to believe in signs indicates a density of mind akin to stupidity. For instance, if you see a house well painted, the yard kept scrupulously neat, and with a general air of tidiness about the place, it is a pretty sure sign that a careful householder and in all probability a good citizen lives there. If you see a merchant day after day and year after year advertise his wares by placing them in the show windows, or where they can be aspected with ease, you may be sure it is a sign that what he has to sell is of good quality and just what it is represented to be. So if any one asks you if you think it a good thing for Downers Grove to have a big electric sign calling attention to its chief excellence, that it is A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE, do not answer offhand, "I don't believe in signs," but give the project careful consideration.

Such a sign, spanning Main street and bearing in electric letters the legend, "Downers Grove—A Good Place to Live," has been proposed and has the endorsement of not a few of the representative citizens of the village.

Before the project can be translated from the elusive realm of "Maybe" to the solid land of "Is," many more must favor it and evidence their favor with a financial argument.

### SOME PEOPLE FAVOR PORK AND BEANS

And Some Are Fond of Ham;

But Will and Dan Take Huge Delight in Home Made Bread and Jam.

Will Magnus and Dan Dincer are two very pleasant boys. Although they long ago forgot to play with childish toys, they have some kiddish traces yet, at least they've often said, "There's nothing quite so good to eat as currant jam and bread." So when they were invited to Plainfield by the stream they said, "We'll bring the bread and jam—that is no idle dream." Their answer pleased the hostesses, who agreed to get the rest. So Will and Dan got ready and put on their very best; they also got a suitcase, a steamer trunk for size, and filled it full of bread and jam. Oh, they were very wise. "Now, so we don't forget it," said William unto Dan, "we'll take it down to Houseman's, the drug store man, till when we get in Ficke's Flivver, all ready for the road; it's too much work to carry such a very heavy load." Dan thought the plan a good one, so they filled that monster grip with loaves and jelly, glasses enough to sink a ship.

Walt Ficke and his auto car came tooting up at last and with the grip our heroes climbed in with footsteps fast. "Gee but that thing is heavy," said Dan as on they sped. "I didn't think 't would weigh so much although there's lots of bread." Poor, dear, deluded laddies, unused to coarse, rough knocks, their grip, had they but known it was loaded down with rocks. Some cruel, heartless jokers, their names we will not tell, although perhaps dear reader, you know them very well, had taken out the bread and jam. Oh, what a sorry trick, and filled the giant suitcase with stones and clay and brick. Eff soon they reached Electric Park and shouted for their dinner, said Dan. "Please hurry up the cats, for I am getting thinner." "All right," replied the hostesses, "just bring along the bread; we've got some pickles and ice cream—" What else was never said, for at that moment William unstrapped the heavy grip; he looked within; his brow was pale and quivering was his lip. That charming party came to grief; it was an awful shock when William from the suit case poured a hundred-weight of rock. Here, let us pause and sympathize; it sure was pretty tough, but Will and Dan were game and bought a lot of baker's stuff, and then when they had eaten along came Johnny Young, who brought their bread from Houseman's and told them they'd been "stung."

Too Much to Imagine.  
Reason why men are never sponsors at lunchings is they couldn't be induced to waste a bottle of champagne on a vessel's crew.

### WHO'S WHO? IN DOWNERS

Who is it in this village that with purpose firm and grand has hustled, in these many months, and worked to put the hand; who morning, noon and also night is on the job for fair; who does not give a single hoot if raindrops fill the air, or if the sun is hot, or any other thing just so the library is done before another night; who dreams of that same library and loud its praises tells? Why, that—you must have guessed it —is Mister L. B. Wells.

### SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 18TH

Miss Loensbery, representing the Century Lyceum bureau, is in town this week, securing pledges for season tickets for the entertainment course which commences in September. There will be four musical numbers and two lectures on the course this year, and all the programs will be just as high grade and entertaining as they have been in the past two years. The Chicago Musical club gives the first entertainment Friday night, Sept. 24th, in the Methodist church. Season tickets will be delivered several days before the date of this first entertainment.

### DU PAGE COUNTY W. C. T. U.

The Du Page County W. C. T. U. will hold its annual convention at the Congregational church, Downers Grove, Thursday, Sept. 16. Morning session, 10 a. m.; afternoon session, 1:30 p. m.; evening session, 8 p. m. Reports from county officers. Reports of departmental work. Reports from local unions. Historical sketch of county work, Mrs. Calvin Steek. Children's hour, Dr. David Paulson. An entertaining gold medal contest, evening hour. Good music throughout the day. All unions are urged to send large delegations. Frances Gage Hulbert, county corresponding secretary.

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.

Not many weeks ago an audience of more than a thousand persons in the village vigorously applauded the suggestion made by a lecturer, that every community should have a community church, a common meeting place where all who loved the true, the beautiful and the good might gather and listen to words which would help and strengthen them.

The idea is a good one, possibly also somewhat difficult of accomplishment, but is there any reason why all the residents of Downers Grove who desire that the town shall improve until it is an even more ideal residence place, should not have an organization which would work hand in hand with the village officials in promoting the village welfare? Think it over.

### GOOD DIET FOR THE TURKEY

Little Raw Meat and Onions Chopped  
Finely is Recommended—Dust Bath Must Be Provided.

Give the turkeys a little raw meat very day; also finely chopped onions or other tender green food.

Mashed potatoes, cooked turnips, and cold rice will always be in order.

Too much hard-boiled eggs will cause bowel disease.

Remove the poop to fresh ground THAT SINFUL PRINTER.

Unobserved and unannounced the president of a church society entered the composing room just in time to hear these words issue from the mouth of the boss printer:

"Billy, go to the devil and tell him to finish that 'murder' begun this morning. Then kill 'William J. Bryan's Youngest Grandchild,' and dump the 'Sweet Angel of Mercy' into the hellbox. Then make up that 'Naughty Parisian Actress' and lock up 'The Lady in Her Boudoir.'"

Horrified, the good woman fled from that place of sin, and now her children wonder why they are not allowed to play with the printer's youngster.

Can Be Overdone.  
"Practice doesn't make perfect," said Uncle Eben. "A man can't continually kick the same horse; he can't make it twice interested."

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