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WOMANS PHYSICAL CULTURE LEAGUE

The Woman's Physical Culture League has resumed its classes in the high school gymnasium after the summer recess. The girls consider themselves extremely fortunate in having secured Miss Dorothy Tweedie, a graduate of the Chicago School of Physical Education and Expression, as instructor again this year, not only because she proved herself both capable and popular last season, but also because she became familiar with local conditions and needs. The classes are held each Monday night, and for the present, at least, the schedule will remain as it was last year.

Schedule.

	P. M.
Dance basket ball	7:30-8:00
General gymnastics and marching tactics	8:05-8:35
Ball dancing	8:40-9:10
Women's basket ball	9:15-9:45
Games	9:45-10:15

Last Monday evening about fifty members, old and new, gathered for work. It is expected that the number will grow as the young women in town learn of the advantages and possibilities of the league. The women in Downers Grove are invited to meet in the gymnasium on Monday nights, either as active members or spectators. It is hoped that those who come as spectators will come shortly as active members.

The initiation fee is twenty-five (25) cents and the monthly dues thirty-five (35) cents. This is as it was last season and covers the entire expense of membership.

THE NEW COMMISSIONERS

Now that the village is definitely committed to the commission form of government by the wish of a large majority of the voters duly expressed at the polls, why wouldn't it be a good thing for the voters of the town, both those who favored the new system and those who opposed it, to study the provisions of the new law so that they will not be strange and unfamiliar when they are put into operation? Also why not devote some of the time which will elapse before the new plan of government becomes effective, in making a selection of the citizens who best can fill the commissionerships so that the best possible material may be available when the time comes to elect the first commissioners of Downers Grove?

STATE TEACHERS' PENSION FUND

Points on Teachers' Pension Law.

Every teacher who enters into a contract after July 1, 1915, to teach for the first time in the public schools of Illinois is required by law to pay assessments for the support of the State Teachers' Pension and Retirement fund.

All other teachers are not required to pay such assessments unless they first elect to do so by notifying in writing the state board of trustees and their local school boards.

Monthly assessments shall be deducted on every pay day for the first five months of school taught after July 1st each year from the salaries of teachers coming under the provisions of the pension law. For this purpose such teachers are divided into the following classes:

First Class—Those who have taught ten years or fewer than ten years, \$1 per month.

Second Class—Those who have taught more than ten years and not more than fifteen years, \$2 per month.

Third Class—Those who have taught more than fifteen years, \$3 per month. Said assessments cease after 25 years of service.

Each teacher shall be furnished a statement by the school board showing the amount deducted from the salary of said teacher.

All moneys so retained by the board shall be forwarded to the state treasurer within seven days after the 30th of June of each year. A statement of the moneys so retained, verified by the clerk or secretary, shall accompany such remittance.

FAR WEST ROMANCE

Living on adjoining homesteads in far western Montana two young people, one from Illinois and the other from Kansas, decided that single blessedness was far from being the ideal mode of living far from civilization. So coming in almost daily contact, their liking turned to love and they joined hands, hearts and fortunes on September 8, at Billings, Mont.

Walter S. Otto, formerly of Downers Grove, and Miss Erna Wierich, formerly of Ft. Scott, Kan., were the principals in this romance in the western prairies and will be at home to their friends after October 1, at Pine Crest Ranch, Newton Grove, Montana.

Walter's many friends in Downers Grove wish him all kinds of success in his new venture.

HENRY VONDEROHE

Mr. Henry Vonderohe, father of Mrs. John M. Vennard, died last Saturday, September 25th, at his residence at 864 N. Paulina street, Chicago. He was buried Tuesday at Concordia cemetery.

Mr. Vonderohe was seventy-three years old and for thirty-six years he was an employer of the Northwestern Railroad.

DOWNERS GROVE A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE.

In connection with the project to erect an electric sign bearing the words: "Downers Grove a Good Place to Live," the Reporter presents the following editorial from the Terre Haute Star.

Though the words were intended to apply to Indiana, they are perhaps equally forcible as to Illinois.

THE NAME OF THE TOWN.

Terre Haute Star.

Once upon a time a passenger on a Pullman train, unable to see the name posted on the end of the station building, addressed a small boy who was sitting on the bench.

"What place is this, son?"

"The town, with a look of surprise, replied: 'Terre Haute, Indiana.'"

That child, not having traveled, naturally regarded his own town as a place that every one must know at sight. It is hardly likely that native residents of the small towns and villages of Indiana hold the same opinion of their homes, yet they act upon the principle that passing strangers must not be actively know in what place they are, or else are indifferent to the dissemination of such knowledge; that is, they are not interested in advertising their home towns by posting their names where all visitors can see.

It is the exceptional village or small town that has the advertising spirit sufficiently developed to have caused a banner or a more substantial sign with the name of the place painted thereon to be erected in a conspicuous spot. In these days of much automobile travel this oversight is a matter of regretful comment among people who would better enjoy their jaunts into regions hitherto unknown to them if they might more readily know their exact whereabouts and become more definitely acquainted with the villages through which they pass. They find signs specifying the speed limit on the main roads at the entrance to most towns, and it would be a simple matter to have the name of the town boldly set forth in the same place or in some central point.

As it is the passing travelers often find themselves later unable to identify many places through which they have gone except as "the village with the beautiful elms," "the town with the yellow school house," "the place with the picturesque bungalow," etc. Time was, not so very many years ago, when the smaller Indiana towns were not especially attractive. Now it is different. Many of them, with well-kept yards, beautiful flowers and vine-covered houses, are charming spots; their ragged edges no longer offend and they deserve to have their fame go abroad. They should "hang their banners on the outer walls."

FREDERICK LARSON

Frederick Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Larson, who live on the Atwood Farm, just south of Downers Grove, seventeen years old, died last Sunday night. He was apparently on the road to recovery, but a sudden relapse set in and the end was near. He was buried Tuesday afternoon at the Naperville cemetery, Rev. James Jenness saying the last sad rites over him.

RALLY DAY AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Next Sunday the various services at the Methodist church will be of special character. The church membership rally will take place at the morning service at 10:30. An effort will be made to have all the members of the church present to take part in the communion service.

New members will be received into the church at that time.

At 12 o'clock the Rally Day exercises of the Sunday school will be held.

STATE FIRE PREVENTION DAY.

Governor Names October 9th.

Governor Dunne has issued a proclamation naming October 9, 1915, the anniversary of the Chicago fire, as state fire prevention day. After stating statistics showing that the fire loss in Illinois averages over \$1,000,000 per month, the following recommendations are made for the day:

Let our people observe it by a general cleaning up and removal of rubbish, trash and waste from their premises.

Let all heating apparatus, electric wiring and chimneys be carefully gone over and placed in a proper condition for winter use.

Let all public and private institutions, hotels, asylums, factories and their be carefully looked over on that day, and, when necessary, any changes made that will further protect the safety of the occupants.

Let local authorities give attention to the matter of better building regulations, fire protection and prevention, as well as added apparatus for fire fighting.

Let our people observe the day by a general cleaning up and let them be enlightened at civic and other public gatherings on the subject of the fire waste of the state and the best means for its prevention.

Let the press, by timely publications pertaining to fire prevention and protection, aid in the work.

Lastly, let fire drills be held on that day in institutions, factories and on the preceding day in public, parochial and private schools, and I earnestly recommend that teachers instruct their pupils, through short talks and proper programs, on the dangers of fire and the simplest means of fire prevention.

WHO'S WHO? IN DOWNERS

Who is it that his weight can lift in chunks of solid lead, and without effort hold the same above his noble head, who all day long is courteous to every one he meets, and with the same engaging smile both men and women greet; who'd like to have you stay but if you won't will help you go and quickly make your ticket read to Gregg or Buffalo; who handles freight and baggage, but who never breaks a trunk; whose word means what you think it does—who never shoots the bunk; whose constant aim it is to make the railroad trains run faster? Who is it? Why that man is just JOHN REMMERS, station master.

A PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOUR TO THE PANAMA-EXPOSITION.

At the Methodist church next Tuesday evening Rev. James Freeman Jenness, with the aid of the stereopticon, will take his audience to the exhibitions at San Francisco and San Diego over the routes by which he traveled during his vacation.

Quite a number of Downers Grove people have visited the Pacific coast during the summer and many others would have been glad to do so if circumstances had permitted. It is in response to a number of requests to tell about his trip that Mr. Jenness has secured the slides and prepared an address on the subject.

TELL THE SALESMAN.

With the approach of the fall season the big jobbers and manufacturers will begin to send out their salesmen. Many of these salesmen are going to call on you, Mr. Retailer. Here are a few suggestions by which you might open the conversation with them:

Ask them what they will do to help you sell the goods they want you to buy.

Ask them if their firm is going to advertise their goods in the newspapers of your city. If they reply "No," ask them why not?

Tell them it is necessary for them to create the demand in your city, among your customers, for their line of goods; otherwise you cannot push their line in preference to those manufacturers or jobbers who do create this demand.

Tell them the best way to create the demand is to advertise in the local newspapers; that your customers read the newspapers published here; that you yourself advertise in them; and that you are not willing to spend your money to make their particular brands popular in this town and later have them take the line away from you and give it to your competitor.

Tell them that you favor goods which are advertised in your local newspapers because you find it more profitable to do so.

This is a mighty good hand to hold. It should be a stand-pat one.

THE D. G. CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Downers Grove Choral Society will meet in the Congregational church Tuesday evening, Oct. 5, at 8 o'clock. Practice on the music for the first public concert to be given in the near future has started. All who intend to join the organization should do so soon and obtain the full benefit of all the rehearsals. Mrs. R. E. Rasmussen is the musical director and Miss Bessie Nash is accompanist.

RALLY DAY AT THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

The time of the year has come when the church is rallying her forces for the fall and winter work. This day has come for the First Evangelical church. Special services will be held in the Sunday school and at the regular preaching services.

Special talent has been secured from Chicago and Naperville to furnish the music and an interesting day is expected. All members and friends of the church are urged to be present at these services.

CONGREGATIONAL PHILATHEA CLASS.

The October meeting of the class will be held on Friday night, the 1st, at the home of Mrs. Loveland, North Forest avenue.

As this is the first meeting of the new year, with new officers and committees in power, it is hoped that all members will be present and thus show their interest and intention to make the coming year one of growth and helpfulness.

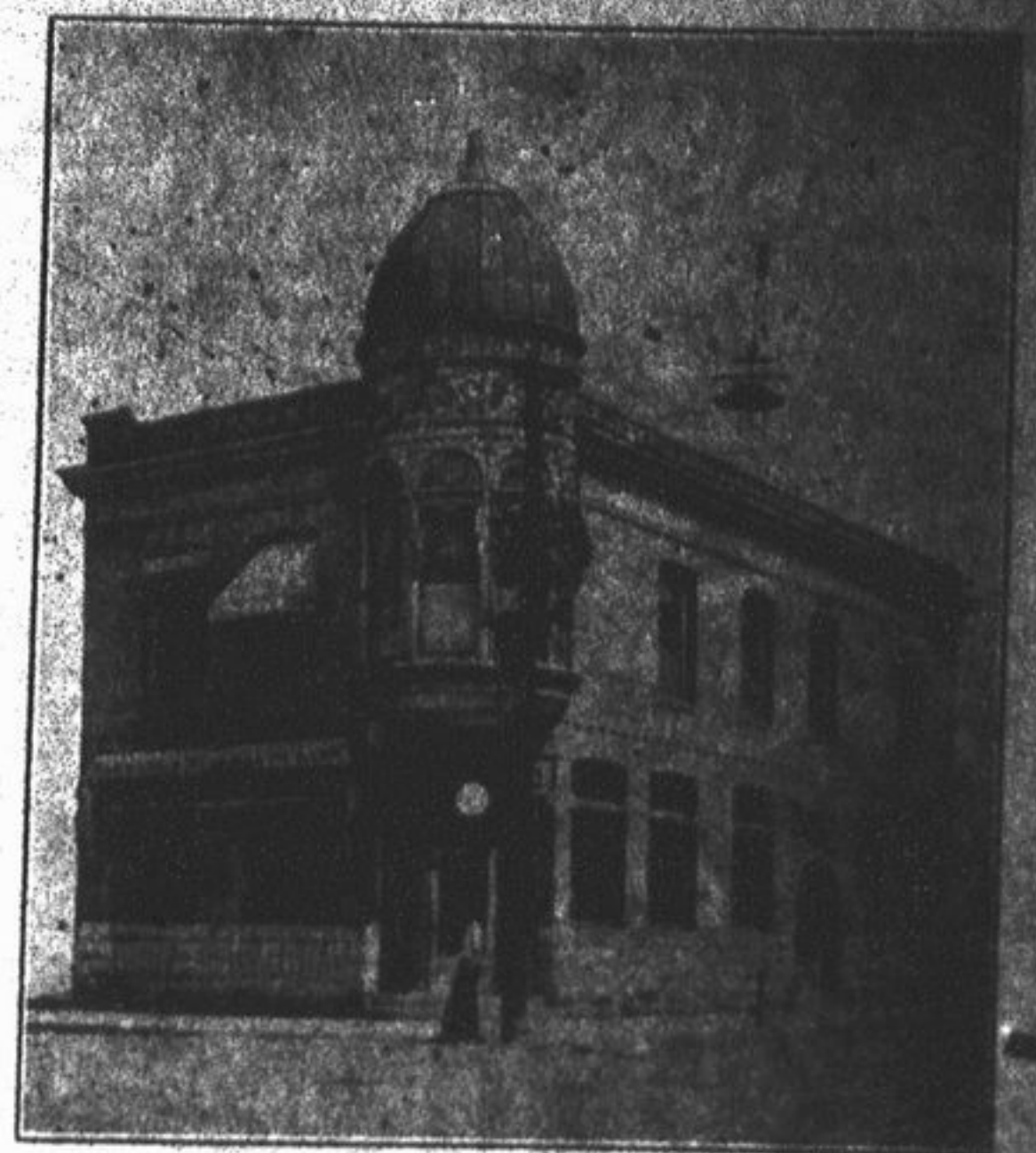
CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Larson and family wish to thank their many neighbors and friends for their sympathy and the floral offerings so kindly given in their recent bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. PETER LARSON AND FAMILY.

BE A GOOD.

Seven-year-old Josephus Wrens says "Yes, sir," to the gentlemen, and "Yes, ma'am," to the ladies; he shows what a GOOD a boy can be; BAD boys say merely "Yes," or "No." And thus inferior breeding shows Politeness and respect for the law. The truest sign of Culture is this. Yet, anyone with little thought can be so polite.



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