

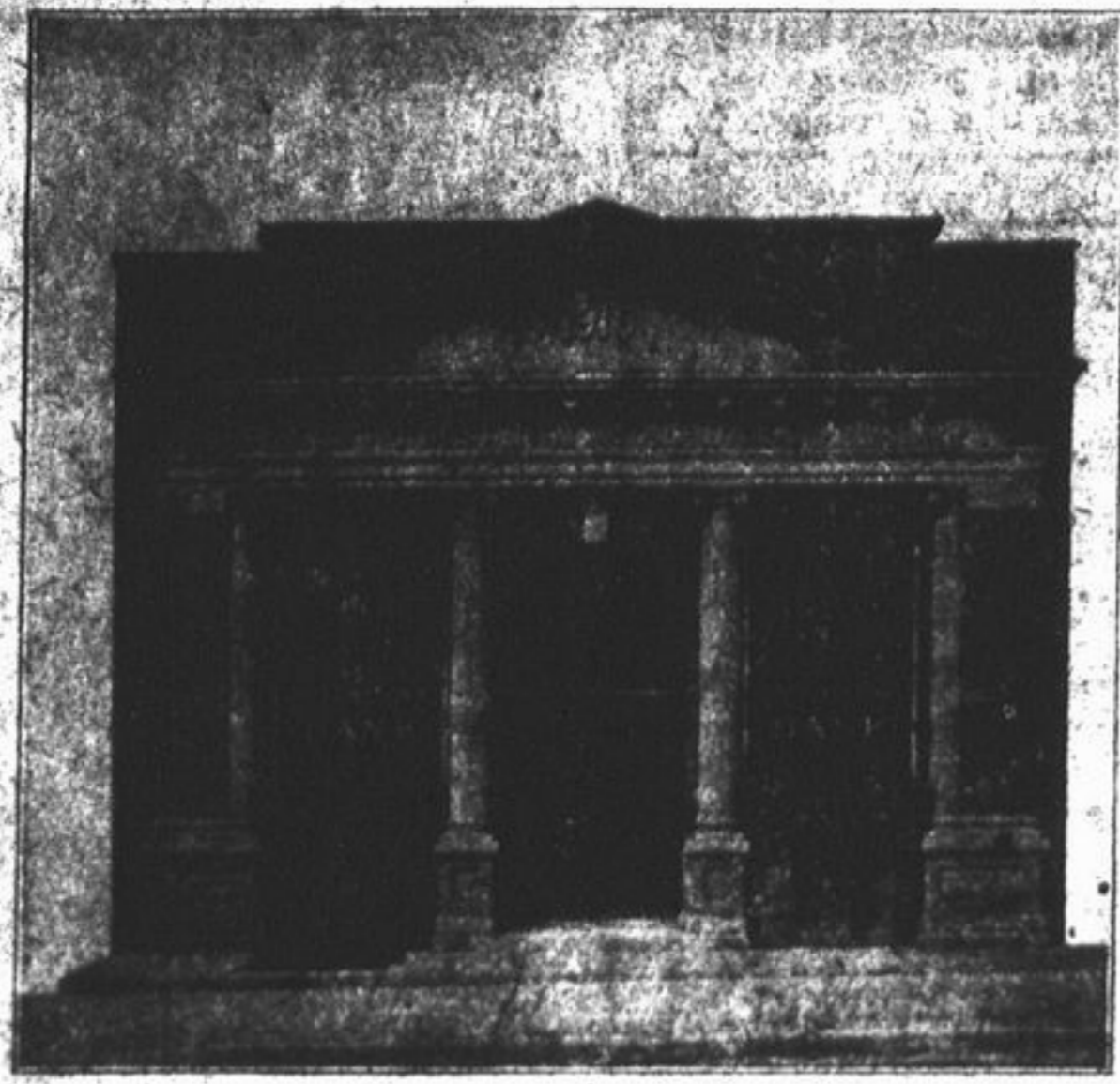
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ORDER AUDIT OF COUNTY BOOKS

Impartial Investigation Is Demanded.

Supervisor Blodgett, from Downers Grove, Objects to an Application of "White Wash."

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Du Page County held at the Court House at Wheaton on last Thursday was one to be well considered by the taxpayers and voters of the county.

After being called to order by Supervisor Fischer, the minutes of the last preceding meeting were read and approved, reports of committees were heard read. These usual preliminaries being satisfactorily accomplished, business of somewhat more importance presented itself.

The report of the finance committee, which will probably appear in the official minutes of the meeting, to the effect that a shortage exists in the accounts of former Circuit Clerk Hull, seemed now to be uppermost in the minds of our supervisors.

A typewritten resolution, the authorship of which will probably not be claimed by its sponsor, was then presented by Supervisor Irving Goodrich, who moved its adoption. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, Certain complaints have been made concerning the manner in which Mr. Thomas M. Hull, former Circuit clerk of this county, conducted the affairs of that office; and

Whereas, The finance committee of this Board has reported to this Board recommending the employment of a competent person or persons to audit the accounts in Mr. Hull's office during his entire administration; and

Whereas, It is the judgment of this Board that a committee of three competent persons should be appointed by this Board, who are in no wise connected with this Board of Supervisors, to make a full and complete audit of Mr. Hull's administration; therefore be it

Resolved, That Henry F. Lawrence, Charles D. Clark and Joseph A. Reusbe, and they are hereby selected as a committee of three to audit the accounts of Mr. Hull's office during his entire term of office; that said committee be given the use of any and all necessary vacant rooms in the Court House at Wheaton, and that said committee have full power and authority to employ at the county's expense such auditors, accountants, clerks, stenographers and other assistants as in their judgment may be necessary in making such audit.

The reading of this resolution was followed by speeches by Supervisors Hammerschmidt and Boger and State's Attorney Hadley, urging the adoption of the resolution as read.

Supervisor C. B. Blodgett of Downers Grove then asked for a few minutes' time in which to consider the resolution, and after reading it, made a brief speech in which he placed himself on record as a man who stands for what is right and fair. He said in part that although he had been a lifelong friend of Mr. Hull and always considered him honest and upright, the matters in question should be handled with a view of doing what is right and with fairness to all, the living as well as the dead. Although the gentlemen urging the adoption of the resolution attempted to give it the appearance of fairness, he pointed out the fact that even though all of the men suggested to compose the committee were above suspicion of any wrongdoing, they were all very intimate and close friends of Mr. Hull during his lifetime, and that it looked like an attempt on the part of the gentlemen favoring the adoption of the resolution to pack the committee, and characterized the attempt as the thinnest kind of a whitewash.

Supervisor Blodgett was supported in his arguments by Supervisor of Wheaton. The state's attorney then reiterated his speech in an attempt to change Mr. Blodgett's views, but it was unavailing and merely brought forth more vigorous opposition on the part of Mr. Blodgett, and a most emphatic reply to the effect that if a committee was to be appointed, it must be one that is not 95 per cent Hull to start with.

The pro-resolutionists perceiving that the opposition of Mr. Blodgett was not to be overcome, held a short conference and Mr. Goodrich then was permitted to withdraw his motion to adopt the "whitewash" resolution.

It was thereupon suggested that some person who could not be said to be intimately acquainted with Mr. Hull be appointed a committee to supervise the work of auditing the books. Upon motion of Supervisor Boger, Mr. George E. Ruchty of Hinsdale was then appointed as such committee and given full authority to hire a competent certified public accountant. From the preliminary investigation made by Recorder George W. Thomas, it appears that the result of the audit will be of great interest to the taxpayers.

WHEATON HIGH COUNTY CHAMPS
By Defeating Naperville Last Saturday Carry Home Football Bacon.

The county seat high school football team carried home the bacon in the form of the county title of football champs for the 1915 season by defeating Naperville at Naperville last Saturday. It was a hard fought game and Wheaton realized when they left that they had played some football. The final score was 19 to 6.

COUNTY GOOD ROADS NOTES

The concrete work along the new road under construction near York Center was finished last Tuesday, making a total length of concrete put in this year of two and a half miles.

The county road outside on Lake street between Bloomingdale and Addison Townships are uniting with the county in improving this road by getting rid of the large stones and widening out the highway where necessary.

The executive board of the Du Page County Good Roads Association held a meeting on Monday afternoon and appointed the following committees:

Construction and maintenance committee—Mark Morton, chairman, Wheaton; Frederick W. Von Oven, Naperville; George Fransen, Bensenville.

Road legislation committee—Dr. E. W. Marquardt, chairman, Elmhurst; Fred C. Harbo, Elmhurst; A. A. Kuhn, West Chicago.

Finance committee—F. W. Kobusch, chairman, Bloomingdale; Dr. George Schroeder, Itasca; Levy Mertz, Downers Grove.

Safety and beautification committee—A. T. Cole, chairman, Wheaton; Mrs. Owen W. Dynes, Elmhurst; Joy Morton, Wheaton.

Publicity committee—Rollo Givler, chairman, Naperville; William Trout, West Chicago; Alonzo C. Fischer, Elmhurst.

Entertainment committee—E. B. Heaton, chairman, Wheaton; Dr. J. B. Hensch, Hinsdale; Frank Pratt, Wayne.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Downers Grove Woman's Club met on Tuesday, Nov. 9th, in Library Hall, at 2:30 p. m. The home department of the Congregational Church were the special guests of the afternoon.

Mrs. H. P. Jones and Mrs. Thomas Campbell, president and vice president of the Woman's Club, are attending the State Federation meeting at Rockford, Ill., and Mrs. George C. Butler, who was the president for the two years preceding Mrs. Jones' term of office, presided during the session.

Miss Corinne Welty and Miss Helen Emmart of Hamilton Park, Englewood, most delightfully entertained the audience. Miss Welty is an accomplished musician and gave a number of classical selections with most exquisite feeling and technique. Miss Emmart is a reader of great talent and her selections were enthusiastically applauded. Her final selection, "Her Last Appearance," by Richard Harding Davis, was a treat and the Woman's Club is to be congratulated on securing such talented young people.

Mrs. William J. Thomas of Chicago, executive secretary of the Woman's Peace Party, was the speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Thomas made many friends in Downers Grove last summer when she gave an address on peace at the Methodist Church. Mrs. James Mitchell, chairman of the Peace Committee, introduced Mrs. Thomas and she gave a very eloquent talk on international ideals.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of the party of forty-seven American women who attended the peace meeting at the Hague in April and her description of the sympathy and understanding with which this gathering of women from the warring countries could meet and discuss the conditions brought about by this terrible war is something to be remembered. Her audience gave her rapt attention and at the close she presented a resolution to be sent to President Wilson.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH AFTER CHURCH GOERS.

Offers to Send Automobiles After Sick and Disabled Members and Others.

The First Evangelical church has started an innovation for Downers Grove, at least. They offer to send an automobile or a cab to any one wishing to attend church services. Rev. Manshardt, the pastor, is (pardon the slang, but this expresses it better than any way we know) a "live wire," and has been doing some good work since he took charge here. It will be an interesting experiment to watch.

Following is the announcement which was handed in to be printed and which inspired the above:

"If friends of the Evangelical church of Downers Grove and vicinity, who cannot, because of ill health or other bodily infirmities, attend church services, will call Phone 79-J, leaving their name and address, a car or cab will be sent to bring them to church. Don't forget. Phone 79-J."

A TREAT FOR CLUB WOMEN

An especially good program is scheduled for the Woman's Club on Wednesday, November 17. The meeting will be held in Dickie's dining room at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Holohay is well known as a vocalist, and Prof. J. Paul Goode, a faculty of Chicago, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Geographic and Economic Influence of the Great War." Every club woman should bring at least one friend to enjoy this splendid lecture.

WOMAN'S ATHLETIC LEAGUE TO PLAY BASKET BALL.

A public basket ball game between a league team and a girls team from Wheaton is scheduled for this week Saturday, November 13, at the High School Gym. Game called at 8 p. m.

WHO'S WHO IN DOWNERS

Who is it that two months from now can count a hundred years that he has lived and loved and worked amid the vale of tears; whose step, though feeble, still is set within the narrow way from whose straight path year in, year out, he never was known to stray; who settled in the Prairie State, our own great Illinois, when it was in its infancy and he was still a boy. When fall and scythe and cradle were piled with might and main, and human brawn and muscle garnered the golden grain; whose kindly eye has seen the babe grow up to childhood gay, has seen the flaxen curls grow dark, the brown locks turn to gray; before whom there has been unrolled a nation's history, so mighty and so strong that it reached out from sea to sea; whose life for many decades, has calm and tranquil been reflecting truth and goodness as the sunset glides the stream? Who is this centenarian of character so many? Why, that, of course, you know him—Is DEXTER CAPRON STANLEY.

COMMUNITY CLUB HELD GOOD ROADS DAY

The Community Club of Belmont held a Good Roads Day last Monday and cleaned up the point east of the Puffer school house at Belmont.

Plans are under way to vacate the small piece of road immediately east of the school house and make this land part of the school grounds.

Another road will be constructed a little farther east to take the place of the one vacated. This will make a decided improvement for this community by doing away with a dangerous intersection of roads.

The Community Club intends to plant trees and shrubs and make this one of the best surroundings for a school house that we have in the county.

The Roads Day was enjoyed by all and the ladies did their share by furnishing a fine chicken dinner in the school house.

The Lake Road Commissioners were there with their roller and greatly assisted the community by pulling out some of the objectionable trees by the roots.

Plans are under way for having another Good Roads Day for the reason, as one man expressed it, that property had gone up \$50 per acre in value.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Don't fail to attend the Community meeting Friday evening at the High School.

Mr. Sidney A. Teller, director of Stanford Park, Chicago, will give his illustrated lecture this Friday evening at the High School auditorium at 8 o'clock. The lecture is free, and we want to meet you there.

The superintendent and teachers of our public schools will be pleased to meet all patrons and friends of the school this evening at the High School assembly room.

A good time to meet the teachers of our schools and get better acquainted with one another at the Community meeting this evening at 8 o'clock.

DOWNERS HIGH TO MEET RIVERSIDE

Last Game of Local Season With Reception of Alumni Game Played Tomorrow.

The Riverside high school eleven will come to Downers Grove tomorrow to engage the locals in a hot contest for football honors in the last game of the local season.

The river boys will come prepared to shed some blood and fight to the last ditch in an effort to redeem the defeat of last season which the purple handed them. They come pretty well touted but we have no fear of their being able to do much scoring on our own little grid heroes.

LIBRARY BENEFIT DANCE.

Some forty couples last Saturday enjoyed a good old fashioned dance in the lecture room of the new library building with plenty of waltzes and two steps and an occasional quadrille but none of the modern tango and fox trot effects. The dance was promoted, for the benefit of the library equipment fund, by a volunteer committee of twelve ladies, and was not as the general impression seemed to be, under the auspices of the Woman's Club nor of a committee of the club. The lady patronesses of the series of dances the first of which was Saturday night's hop are planning a succession of similar affairs for the coming winter.

REMEMBER FI-FI?

Hinsdale Local Talent to Give Big Musical Comedy. Arrangements have been completed with the John B. Rogers Production Co. to produce a magnificent musical comedy at the Hinsdale Club House on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Nov. 16th and 17th, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the King's Daughters. Admission will be 75 cents.

The play will be given under the direction of Al. F. Strauss of New York, and about 125 local people will take part.

The production, which is called "The Wishing Ring," is very attractive and spectacular, full of fun, with many song hits.



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