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AMERICA FIRST!

...N AND AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL

The war has caused that great patriotic spirit of joining the army to flutter around the halls of learning. Everybody seems desirous of going and all that—but when the time comes do you think they'll go? Well, here's hoping every student who is eligible will enlist.

The war talk has also had effect on our H. S. poet and we find he has taken pains to write this poem. (Of course, you can't guess who wrote it):

The Would-Be Recruit.

I hear my country calling me,
I guess I'll join the cavalry;
I never saw a horse before,
I guess I'll join the flying corps.

I ne'er could do an aerial feat,
I know they'll sent me to the fleet;
I never could live on a boat,
I'm always seasick when afloat.

As long as I don't like the sea,
I guess I'll join the infantry;
But when the bugle blows for drill
I'll be out puffing at a pill.

And so, as I am very dense,
I guess I'll join the coast defense;
But when those guns begin to roar,
You won't see Arthur anymore.

I always did like engineering,
I am a bear at triple gearing;
But when a bridge I had to build,
I'm sure with terror I'd be filled.

And so there's no troop left for me
Except the light artillery;
Besides I fear I'd have to run
From every little popping gun.

I hardly know just what to do,
I am in such an awful "stew";
From every troop I am barred out,
I guess I'll be a nice Boy Scout.

But even this is rather hard
When late at night you're out on guard;
And so I guess it's all a fake,
I'd better go jump in the lake.

A. J.

Misses Hazel Vaughn and Laura Harwood of Western Springs visited the H. S. on Wednesday.

Don't fail to see "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date" either Friday or Saturday evening, in the High School Assembly hall. Admission 25 cents.

On Monday afternoon a notice was put on the bulletin board requesting all baseball candidates to report. By next week the team will be in good shape and a good team can be looked for with such players as: Davenport, De Witt, Jorgensen, Bertolin, Rogers, Butler, Downer and many others. If enough money can be raised to lease the baseball field Glen Ellyn will send its squad over here on April 25. The full schedule will appear in next week's paper.

On Wednesday morning Dr. E. L. House addressed the students and certainly gave them a wagon load of advice and if they keep it you will notice a great miprovement in the students. He told of the properties and uses and cultivation of the subconscious mind. If you have heard Dr. House speak you know the way he gives out advice and what he said Wednesday morning would fill several columns. Perhaps you can imagine his forcefulness as a speaker when he held the attention of the students for over thirty minutes and all would have liked him to speak longer.

The flag pole was erected in front of the south side school Wednesday and from now on an American flag will fly every day.

Everybody should be up on Monday with a bright and happy countenance, and of course all were ready for a season of hard work.

By some reports sent around Monday, one would think the High School possessed some excellent hikers. One group reports having made Chicago (Union Station), a distance of 26 miles, in 5 hours. Another group walked to Naperville in an hour and a half. We do not doubt their word in the least they can go to Chicago or Naperville in that time, but—how many times did they receive a ride on the cart wagon.

...forget to see the "Merchant ...Up-to-Date" at the H. S. ...week.

...Hum!
...ful to be famous,"
..."Shucks!" respond-
...ne is merely a
...victim is placed
...will have a better
...on him."

SENIOR CLASS TO PRESENT ANNUAL PLAY NEXT WEEK

Friday and Saturday Nights at the High School Assembly Hall Is Time and Place.

Next Friday and Saturday nights the senior class of the Downers Grove high school will present the annual class play at the Assembly Hall.

The title this year is "The Merchant of Venice, Up-to-Date," and is bound to be funny to the audience. It is a burlesque on the famous play by Shakespeare in which the modern school life and football games are portrayed under the style of the play.

The seniors have been working hard on this play under the direction of Miss Edsall, and it promises to be very easy to watch.

Following is the cast:

The Duke of Venice....Jack Carpenter
Antonio, D. G. H. S. Football Captain .....Sam Bertolin
Bassanio, suitor of Portia.....
.....Fred Howe
Gratiano, a football man.....
.....Raymond Schultz
Shylock, a gambler.....Hans Pahl
Tubal, his friend and Captain of Belmont Team....Norman Jorgenson
Launcelot Gobbo, a servant of Shylock .....Charles DeWitt
The Professor, an X-ray photographer .....Owen Griffiths
Policeman .....Hugh Brown
Portia, a rich heiress..Bernice Binder
Nerissa, her friend..Lucile Westblade
Jessica, ward of Shylock.....
.....Charlotte Drees
Miss Abbie S. Threedice, a teacher .....Julia Perkins
Polly, Portia's maid..Adelaide Walter
Antonio's mother.....Bertha Nelson
Mrs. Gobbo, Launcelot's mother..
.....Julia Towhes
Other football players and officials

EVENING MEETING OF THE MOTHERS' CLUB

The Mothers' Club has arranged for an evening meeting April 17 at eight o'clock in Library Hall. The fathers are invited. The club has engaged Professor William H. Hatch of Oak Park to speak at this meeting. Professor Hatch has been identified with Oak Park schools for twenty-five years, so we can be sure of hearing something of interest to parents. One who has been thus closely in touch with children for so long will be especially interesting to fathers and mothers.

Another feature of the evening will be a musical reading by Miss Pauline Germann of Naperville.

Refreshments will be served and a general informal discussion will follow. The meeting will also be of interest to the teachers of the village and it is hoped as many as possible will attend.

EASTER MATINEE GREATLY ENJOYED

The Easter matinee at the Methodist church on Saturday afternoon was greatly enjoyed by an appreciative audience of the music lovers of the village. This is an annual affair given under the auspices of the Philanthropy Committee of the Civic Department of the Downers Grove Woman's Club and the proceeds are used to further this cause in this vicinity. It is always generously patronized and was a most delightful afternoon.

Miss Marianna Roe presided at the organ and gave two beautiful numbers of classical music. Miss Gwendolin Griffiths sang "Resurrection Morn" in a very pleasing manner and has a voice that shows great promise. She was accompanied by Miss Marian Lower. Miss Engelschall, the talented young violinist, needed no introduction to a Downers Grove audience. She was accompanied by Miss Margaretta Huntington and gave great pleasure to the audience.

Our own Mrs. Genevieve Puffer Reid read a story of Tolstoi that was most appropriate to the Easter season and as in days of yore when Mrs. Reid appeared before a Downers Grove audience she was received with the greatest appreciation.

Mr. B. C. Kellogg followed Mrs. Reid with a well rendered tenor solo, with Miss Grace Towsley at the piano and Miss Avis Lempke with a violin obligato by Miss Engelschall, gave the beautiful contralto prayer from "Life Everlasting." Miss Lempke has a voice of rare beauty and sangs with such sincerity and simplicity that her number on the program was one of the finest of the afternoon. Miss Towsley was the accompanist.

Mrs. Reid then read one of Whittier's beautiful poems and the program closed with Mrs. Rasweiler's solo, with Miss Roe at the organ. Mrs. Rasweiler is well known as one of our best singers and sang with great feeling the "Peace Song," words by Mrs. Beulah Jenness. We take pleasure in printing the same.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY.
By Beulah Steele Jenness.

Then, Christ, thy gifts
To earth didst bring,
Long centuries ago.
Love, peace, goodwill thou brought'st
To heal the world
As children cast off.
Thoughtless, their bauble toys,
So men thy love has forgot:
Broken thy peace.
O Christ, to a world today
That reckless, seeks its own;
To children aged by war,
Women, grief and terror dulled:
Even to war lords;
Bring peace, as thy gift now again.

May all nations hearing thy name,
Cherish love and peace'
We dare not pray:
"O God, blot out
Nations that perpetuate
Colossal wrongs and crime,
In country's name."
Rather: "'Forgive,
They know not what they do.'
Crushing each other in the strife
For pow'r and self.'
O Christ, to the world today
Interpret, as of yore,
The meaning of thy
Two great commandments
Touching man and God;
And of thy beatitudes.

That henceforth above race or king
Be Christian brotherhood.

SUPPOSED MAD DOG SHOT BY MRS. BROWN

Mrs. W. M. Brown of Franklin and Washington streets shot a supposedly mad dog Monday morning, killing him with the second bullet.

The dog, a stranger, was running around in their back yard, acting strange and foaming at the mouth. He set on getting worse and worse and Mrs. Brown thinking he was mad, called up the police to have him shot. An officer not getting there quick enough and little children going by on their way home from the North Side school, Mrs. Brown decided to put the dog out of his misery herself.

She secured her husband's revolver and going out of the front door stole around to the rear, where she fired at the dog, the bullet striking him in the neck. This one shot was not enough to kill the animal and it ran around to the front porch, where it lay struggling. Mrs. Brown then went into the house and opening the front door fired the fatal shot into the brute's heart.

Dr. Cherry examined the dog after it was dead and said it was either having a fit of some kind or had been poisoned. It was a large half sheep herd dog, black and white of color.

Mrs. Brown deserves to be commended for her act. If the dog had been mad she was protecting humanity and one cannot fool around with a dog that has rabies. If the dog was poisoned, it should have been dispatched as quickly as possible, to save it needless suffering.

W. H. O'Brien — R. F. Goehner

The Curtiss Theatre

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Your attention is directed to the special show on Tuesday, April 10th, also to the fact that there will be but one show commencing at 8 o'clock.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 17th

Red Feather Photoplays presents

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A great story of the East and West.

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Saturday, April 21st

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NEWS NOTES FROM OUR NEIGHBORING DuPAGE CO. TOWNS

ELMHURST.

Five members were admitted to the rank of Master Masons in two special sessions last Saturday. The Maywood lodge was present in full force and put on the work in the evening. During the intermission the local O. E. S. chapter served members and visitors with a fine supper at the Community House, over two hundred sitting down at the tables.

Next Tuesday Elmhurst will again vote on the proposition "Shall this village become anti-saloon territory?" One of the hottest fights ever waged will be at the polls Tuesday and the result is in doubt.

Charles Moos, driver for the Western Supply Co., met with a bad accident Tuesday afternoon at Hillside. He was climbing on the wagon when one of the horses kicked him just below the knee, cracking the bone and cutting a large gash in the flesh. He drove at top speed to Elmhurst and fainted from the loss of blood as he drove up to Dr. Marquardt's.

Elmhurst eighth grade won the DuPage County championship by defeating Lombard on their own floor 20 to 1. They lost but two games out of seventeen played and those to Oak Park.—Elmhurst Press, 1617.

HINSDALE.

Henrietta E. Gregory, wife of George Gregory, one of the oldest residents of Clarendon Hills, passed away early Wednesday morning, March 28th, after a short period of illness from heart trouble.

Seven new cases of scarlet fever developed during the past week, the victims are: Betty Slade, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donna Slade, Jr., Blanche Pfeifer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeifer, Harry Snow, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Snow, Rose Coltwisch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coltwisch, Fred Kreichbring, and two other small children.

The following Hinsdale boys are members of Co. D, 6th Illinois National Guard who are now at Springfield, Ro. Rossman, Charles Merrill, Joe Creedon, Wm. Barthel, William Gregory, Lewis Busch, Otto and Fred Huber and Axel Thorsen.

Mrs. Louis Schnen, an old resident of Fullersburg, died last Monday afternoon after a short illness of diabetes. Funeral services were held from the home on Friday at 2:30 o'clock. Burial was at Ironwood cemetery.—Hinsdale Doings, 17.

WHEATON.

Charles Greenburg, father of Mrs. Wm. J. Yackley, is slowly recovering from a serious accident which befell him about two weeks ago on his farm near Naperville. He was leading a team of horses from the barn to water when they crushed him against the side of the barn breaking and dislocating his shoulder, bruising his chest and knocking out four front teeth. He was taken to the St. Charles hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jones returned last Friday from a delightful trip down the Mississippi river from St. Louis to New Orleans.—Wheaton, Illinois, 1617.

COUNTY TOWNS STAGE "WET OR DRY" FIGHTS

Elmhurst and West Chicago to Again Vote on the Saloon Question.

Two DuPage County towns are staging the hottest, wet and dry fights that this county has ever seen.

Elmhurst, our neighbor to the north, has always been wet and public sentiment in past elections has always been overwhelmingly to keep it so. This year, however, the drys are making the biggest fight in the history of the village, being well organized, and by public meetings, free shows, etc., striving to pull the votes their way. The wets also have a strong organization, in which most of the old-time politicians are tied up, and they are claiming the old-time victory. It will be one of the greatest battles ever fought at the Elmhurst polls.

West Chicago always has had orderly, well-regulated saloons until two years ago, when the woman vote in the town carried it into the dry column. A petition was presented by the wets to bring it before a vote of the people again, and this will be done at the regular election Tuesday. Here the fight is waging every bit as strong as in Elmhurst, with the outcome in doubt. Salesmen who "make" that town and also Downers Grove say that almost every business man in the town is in favor of going back to license in preference to local option.

If these two villages vote dry there will not be a licensed saloon in DuPage County, and only a few government licensed wholesale beer depots.

Effects of Indolence.

"An aversion to labor creates a constant weariness and one would think should make experience itself a burden. The indolent man descends from the dignity of his nature and makes that being which was rational merely vegetative."—Sir Richard Steele.

Guessed Right.

Willis—"I'm a great judge of character. Take that fellow over there, for instance. He looks like a man who won't stop for anything." Gillis—"That's right; he's a motorman."—Town Topics.

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NEWSY NOTES FROM LISLE AND BELMONT

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The plans for the Puffer School at Belmont (District 69) provide for a two room building, the rooms being arranged so that they may be thrown into a hall for community gatherings. The school is the home of the Belmont Improvement Association, which is one of the most progressive up-to-date and public spirited community clubs in northern Illinois. The school directors are: Mrs. Alice V. Lacey, president; Harry Dobbs, clerk, and Mrs. Genevieve Puffer Reid.

The church was beautifully decorated with lilies and ferns, a special music rendered. Easter Sabbath was a "red-letter" day for the Lisle Congregational Church. Seventeen adults were welcomed to church membership, one baby christened and the members partook of communion, the communion tray being filled. In the evening beautifully colored pictures of Palestine and of the Passion scene were shown on the screen.

Saturday evening, April 7, a special meeting of the church members was held at the parsonage and work on remodeling the church building and kitchen can be begun.

The entire part of the necessary funds have been pledged, but it will require probably $500 in addition and friends are flocking to see this historic church in a suitable building, so start to help the committee in its difficulty raising the amount.

Friday evening, April 13, a social, by social will be held at Lisle, followed by a "farewell" social in the old church building. Refreshments will be served and you are invited. Come, and have a good time.

Services as usual next Sabbath morning and in the evening an illustrated talk by the pastor.

Margaret Rogers returned Tuesday evening to her home at Waterloo to spend her spring vacation. She has recently received a very great honor by being elected president of the University Young Women's Christian Association of the University of Wisconsin, where she is a member of the junior class.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hatch spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Lacey.

"Pete" Meadel is recovering from an attack of la grippe.

R. O. Wendling, who recently left Lisle to work in Montana, reports that Montana is a fine state.

James Parnicle returned recently from a business trip to Wisconsin.

Mr. Geo. Steininger has been re-elected as road commissioner and M. Al Riedy as justice of peace.

"THE LASH."

A Lasky Production in Which Marie Doro Takes the Leading Part With Striking Ability and Success.

This is a big picture. The part of Mylonie, the leading figure in the play, is rendered by Marie Doro in such fine fashion, with such consummate camera skill, that the audience is more than willing to forgive minor defects. Nor is the acting of Marie Doro the picture's only claim to preeminence even in the Lasky school.

Here was a plot which afforded much room for daring action and stirring events on the turbulent sea beating against a rock-bound coast. The director wisely subordinated the magnificent and overpowering effects of the landscape to the main theme of the story and as a result all the great realistic superiority of the screen over the stage comes into fullest play. The little shell of a boat is tossed and upset after many perils of thrilling realism, of which the passage through a marvelous natural gateway and arch above the sea is not the least exciting. The Breton atmosphere is reproduced in a way that commands my unreserved admiration, costumes, manners, types, even the least detail of the crude architecture of the fishing village are all there. They give the picture its extraordinary background and its almost stereoscopic perspective. Any word in praise of the settings and of the superb photography seems fully deserved. I know of no recent picture which offers so much to the eye and the mind at the same time.

Will be shown at The Dicke Theater Thursday, April 19.

Speaking Kindly of Dead.

"Whose funeral is that?" "Hon. Saul Slickery's," replied the landlord of the Petunia tavern. "It is not customary to speak ill of the dead, and so I'll just say that he was a member of the legislature for two terms."—Judge.

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INTERESTING DU PAGE COUNTY STATISTICS.

The recent published report of the State Board of Equalization on the assessments gives Du Page county having 8,[illegible] horses at an average value of $[illegible] each; 22,[illegible] cattle [illegible] 2,[illegible] mules at $27.83; 847 [illegible] at $1.63; 8,[illegible] pigs at $3.02; [illegible] steam engines, [illegible] watches and clocks, [illegible] pianos; 83 melodians, [illegible] automobiles at an average value of $[illegible]; 141,126 acres of land with an average value on lands and improvements at $8.[illegible] per acre; 8,087 improved town and city lots at an average value of $[illegible]; 24,707 unimproved lots at an average value of $[illegible] per lot; 854 acres of railroad lands at $262.06 per acre; 70 lots at $[illegible] per lot.

The above figures on values should be multiplied by three to get the full value as placed by the township assessors. The farmer will notice that the assessed value on farm lands including improvements is only $85.95 per acre.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, we have learned with real regret of the deep affliction through which our esteemed Brother Ernest Dawson has been called to pass in the death of his mother.

So much interested are we in everything which is connected with his welfare that we feel that we share this sorrow with him.

Therefore, be it resolved: That the members of Downers Grove Lodge No. 750, I. O. O. F., hereby extend to our Brother our most heartfeld sympathy.

Be it further resolved: That these resolutions be read in open lodge, one copy to be sent to Brother Dawson, and one copy to the Downers Grove Reporter for publication.

Downers Grove Lodge No. 750,
I. O. O. F.
April 2, 1917 — E. M. Brunson, Secretary.

Cables Contain Much Wire.

It is estimated that the total length of wire in the sheathing and core of the world's cables made since their introduction in 1857 is sufficient to reach from the earth to the moon. Where the sea is about three miles deep, and the ship is steaming at its usual rate, in paying out a new line, it has been found that over two and a half hours pass before the cable reaches the bed of the sea. By the time the cable has settled to rest the ship is 25 miles away.

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