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MOTHER'S CLUB ORGANIZED FOR DOWNERS GROVE

Meeting at Curtiss Theatre Tuesday Afternoon Addressed by Mrs. W. F. Young.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week nearly seventy-five mothers of Downers Grove met in the Curtiss Theatre to listen to a talk by Mrs. W. F. Young, of Chicago, on the advantage of concrete work among mothers for the benefit of the community in general and the children in particular. Mrs. Young is chairman of the Organization Committee of the State Branch of the Mothers' Congress and has made a special study of Child Welfare work. She made a very interesting and instructive talk on the subject at this meeting.

After hearing the inspiring words of Mrs. Young it seemed desirable and opportune that some such movement should be launched in this village.

The result was the organization of the "Downers Grove Mothers' Club" of which the following women consented to act as officers for the balance of this year, or until next May, at which time new officers may be elected: President, Mrs. W. H. Prince; VicePresident, Mrs. Ballard Waples; Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Huntington; Secretary, Mrs. W. J. O'Neill.

The object of the club as stated in its constitution is "the development of an intelligent interest, and the promotion of constructive activity in everything relating to child welfare in this community." Membership to include "anyone interested in the purpose for which the club is organized."

The idea is to make this a meeting place for all the mothers in town. The club is not for any special class or clique but for everyone. It is realized that one mother cannot work alone to the best advantage and that there is an interdependence which makes cooperation among mothers essential.

It is hoped this need may be met in Downers Grove by speakers, discussion, the use of valuable printed material and interchange of ideas in friendly formal talks.

There are to be no dues, such contributions as the club receives to be voluntary.

Considering the object of the club and the lack of formality in becoming a member, it is predicted that the organization will have a rapid growth. It should eventually include in its membership every mother and child welfare worker in this village and vicinity. This is the earnest wish of those who have been active in the preliminary work.

Meetings will be held the third Tuesday in each month at Library Hall at 2 o'clock. The next meeting to be February 20.

It is hoped that everyone who can do so will be in attendance.

The club has been fortunate in securing the endorsement of the superintendent of the Downers Grove schools as well as the co-operation of the local kindergarten people and public library officials.

As this club is formed with the purpose of being essentially a committee body it has been granted the use of library hall the third Tuesday of each month for its meetings. The next meeting will be held February 20 at 2 o'clock in library hall. Everyone who lives in the village should be sufficiently interested in the aims of the club to attend its next meeting, and a large attendance is hoped for.

$200,000 IN TAXES TO BE COLLECTED

Over $200,000 in taxes for Downers Grove township will be collected by township tax collector, Chas. E. Baker, sometime in the next six weeks.

This is the total on the books as given him by the assessor and it is strictly "up to" Chas. to get it. He will commence collecting at Hinsdale on February 2nd, and at Downers Grove on February 5th.

Almost a quarter of a million dollars for one small township is quite a wad and shows that property values are keeping up in both the urban and rural districts. The two villages, Downers Grove and Hinsdale, are both wealthy in property and the assessor has spread the taxes with what is believed to have been a very fair valuation.

Mr. Baker will be at the Hinsdale Trust & Savings Bank every Friday and Saturday and at the Farmers & Merchants' Bank, here, every Monday and Tuesday, beginning on the above dates. If you owe him money better see him.

D. A. R. MET TUESDAY WITH MRS. FRANKENFIELD.

The Downers Grove Chapter, D. A. R., held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Verne Frankenfield, and an exceptionally pleasant and instructive time was enjoyed.

The Chapter is interested this year in a "Study of the Native American," and the subject Tuesday was a reading from Ramona. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. M. S. Downer, Maple avenue. Subject, "The Indian of Today."

GOOD ROADS ADVOCATES TO EAT AT WHEATON SATURDAY.

The DuPage County Good Roads Association is to have a good roads meeting and banquet at the Masonic Temple, Wheaton, Saturday evening, January 27. The banquet starts at 7 o'clock and will be followed by a fine program.

Mr. W. G. Edens, president of the Illinois Highway Improvement Association, will be the principal speaker. Local road matters will be discussed, and arrangements are being made to have moving pictures relating to the road question.

Tickets to the banquet will be $1.25 per plate, and may be secured from C. W. Hadley, Wheaton, Ill.; E. L. Gates, Wheaton, Ill.; Charles W. McDonald, Wheaton, Ill.; Joseph A. Reuss, Naperville, Ill.; Fred VonOven, Naperville, Ill.; D. H. Preston, Hinsdale, Ill.; F. W. Kobusch, Bloomingdale, Ill.; Kirk Neltnor, West Chicago, Ill.; Wm. Blodgett, Downers Grove, Ill.; E. H. McCheaney, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Henry C. Schumacher, Elmhurst, Ill.

The ladies are especially invited. Everyone interested in the good roads movement should come, whether a member of the association or not.

WELLINGTON MERTZ DIED AT VANDALIA

Wellington Mertz, brother of Levi Mertz, of the firm of Mertz & Mochel, died last Thursday at Vandalia, Ill.

He was born September 22, 1845, at Allentown, Pa., and when three years old moved with his parents to Downers Grove. Here he lived south of the Grove for twenty-two years, when he moved to Geneseo, Ill., and fourteen years ago moved to Vandalia township where he has since made his home. He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter and his mother, who lives at Enid, Okla., and is 95 years of age. He is also survived by four brothers, Wesley, of Geneseo, Ill., Allen, of Moline, Ill., Lewis, of Enid, Okla., and Levi, of Downers Grove, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Overly, Iowa, and Mrs. Lydia Luther, of Enid, Okla.

Mr. Mertz left here Tuesday for Vandalia to see his brother before he passed away, but was too late to be recognized by the dying man. Funeral services were held last Saturday at Geneseo.

EXAMINATION FOR POSTAL CLERK TOMORROW

Six applicants will take the civil service examination for postal clerk to fill the vacancy at the local office tomorrow morning.

A member of the United States Civil Service Commission of Chicago will be in charge and will be assisted by Miss Rose Bunning, assistant postmaster. G. H. Bunge's office has been reserved by the government as the place for the examination which will commence at 9 o'clock.

Immediately after all applicants have finished the papers will be sealed and sent to the post office department at Washington, where they will receive the markings and the result of the tests will be in doubt for some weeks.

Those who will take the examination are Misses Fern Hoke, Edith Butler and Dorothy MacDougall, of the Grove, and Miss Clara Thielen, of Kewanee, Ill., and Ray Morgan and Peter Reiff, of the Grove.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES.

Owing to the illness of some of those who were to have appeared on the program the meeting of the art and literature department for Wednesday, January 24, was cancelled.

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On the afternoon of Wednesday, January 31, club members and their friends are invited to Library hall to enjoy a cup of tea with the members of the art and literature department. A good program has been planned and a pleasant afternoon is assured. The proceeds of the "tea" will be used in carrying on the work of that department.

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Attention is again called to the annual luncheon and view day for the Burlington group of clubs, to be held Thursday, February 8. The luncheon will be held in the rooms of the Chicago Woman's Club, 410 Michigan avenue, Chicago, at 12:30 o'clock. Tickets for this luncheon are now on sale and as the number is limited it will be well to purchase same as soon as possible. Tickets for the View Day, which is to be from 2 to 5 o'clock at the Art Institute, will be given to all club members. Do not fail to avail yourselves of this opportunity. Remember the day, Thursday, February 8.

SMALL FREIGHT WRECK TIED UP TRAFFIC.

A small freight wreck tied up traffic on the south and middle tracks for about two hours early last Saturday morning. A brake beam dropped off a car of an east-bound freight, ditching a carload of apples and tearing up the track. The wrecking outfit from Aurora was called and soon had the tracks in working condition again.

The stretch of track between Belmont and Downers Grove is getting a reputation for wrecks, this being the second freight smashup in two weeks, and it will be remembered that it was in that section three wrecks occurred last winter. Two passenger trains and a freight caused grief.

LOCALS TAKE EXCITING GAME FROM WHEATON

County Seat Basket Tossers Lost at Local Gymnasium —Score 26-23.

The Wheaton High School basket ball team, loaded with the "dope" that they defeated Batavia High 26 to 16, and that Batavia beat the locals 17 to 13, came over last Friday night prepared to annihilate the "Purple." But the high school five displayed their basket ball art and gave them a beating.

This game was easily the fastest and hardest game ever witnessed by our townspeople.

The Wheaton boys were somewhat heavier than our men but that could not stop the locals because of their superior speed and team work over that of the visitors. Wheaton was the first to score when "Dutch" Durant dropped in a free throw. The locals made a spurt after Butler had rung a short shot which was followed in close succession by three long ringers by DeWitt. Wheaton settled down to business and played hard, Voight of Wheaton tossing four baskets. Both teams began to guard close and the game was "quite some" rougher at this stage than previous.

At half time the locals were leading with the score standing 10 to 9. Between the half the local boys were cheered very enthusiastically by the H. S. students, led by the "cheerleader," who once more donned his purple and white trousers.

At the opening of the second half Durant of Wheaton dropped in a neat basket, giving Wheaton the lead. DeWitt of the locals then caged a beautiful shot from the center of the floor and from then on the score see-sawed until it stood 21 and 21. Davenport shot a basket from the other side of the black line and as Wheaton was too anxious to win, four personal fouls were called and Capt. Griffith made three of the four fouls. Wheaton caged one lonely shot and when the whistle blew the locals were on the top with the score standing 26-23.

The largest crowd ever present at a basket ball contest in this town was at the gym. to witness the happiest time in a D. G. H. S. student's life—and that time is when any H. S. team defeats a Wheaton team.

DeWitt and Davenport were the principal point gainers and each member of the squad played the best game of their lives.

In the curtain raiser the H. S. second team defeated the Riverside second team in a listless game. The second team was not forced to play hard and so the game was slow. Vix of the locals caged the most baskets ringing four neat ones. The guarding of our second team is a great feature of the five, they holding the Riv-

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JOHN WILLIAM GREGORY.

John William Gregory of Cass died Thursday, January 18, after suffering from pneumonia for five days. He was born in Lemont, July 22, 1878, and passed his life in and near Cass, where for years he had made his home with his sister, Mrs. Frank Chilvers.

Numerous relatives and many friends mourn his departure. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. William Cummings of Belmont, Mrs. Frank Chilvers of Cass, and Miss Maud Gregory of Chicago, and five brothers, Harry of Downers Grove, Frank of Cass, Arthur and Thomas of Chicago, and William of Hinsdale, eight nieces and eleven nephews, and his stepmother, Mrs. Emma Gregory of Hinsdale.

Funeral services were held at his late home and from the Cass church, Rev. Burnett officiating. Interment was at Fairview cemetery, Cass. Six of his nephews acted as pallbearers, Arthur Heartt, Frank Gregory, Jr., Clayton Chilvers, Ralph Chilvers, Frank Chilvers, Jr. and Earl Chilvers.

WIFE OF FORMER M. E. PASTOR DIES AT GALENA

Mrs. Eva L. Green, wife of Rev. Truman R. Green, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Galena, Ill., died January 22. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 24th, from the chapel at 1610 Maple avenue, Evanston, and burial took place at Mount Hope cemetery.

Rev. Green was pastor of the Methodist Church of Downers Grove about fifteen years ago and is remembered best as the instigator of the annual Washington banquet.

During their residence here, Mrs. Green made many warm friends who sympathize with those who are left behind.

ASSOCIATION TO PLAY TWO GAMES TONIGHT.

The young men's athletic association has signed for two basket ball games for this evening at the high school gymnasium.

The lightweights and the heavies are booked to play two teams from Clyde, and good exhibitions are expected. These teams have been getting in some good practice lately and should show some fight to teams rated in their class.

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