

FOR A FLYLESS DOWNERS GROVE.

"When a fly comes to town you ought to dismiss your public schools, close your places of business, sound the fire alarm, call out your militia and kill that fly. If you appreciate one-tenth of the danger you would. Your town ought to be so clean that a fly would die of starvation before he could get out of the corporate limits." The lecturer, Frank Dixon, said that and it is no laughing matter, either.

Downers Grove may need a number of improvements, but there is no bigger thing that can be done for the town now than to make it flyless.

The United States is threatened with a sweeping epidemic of infantile paralysis, and the extermination of the fly is the only means that doctors universally agree to prevent it, to save our children from the scourge.

No matter how we screen our houses, if there are flies in town they are going to put their filthy feet into the food that is served on our tables and we can't help ourselves; they are going to get into the stores where food is sold, and they are going to bring disease.

It is no longer a case of "swat the fly," but of exterminating the last death and suffering carrier. Several towns have succeeded in freeing themselves almost entirely.

We can do it if we will, if we agitate and co-operate.

The Woman's Club and the Mothers' Club are agitating and they will soon ask the men and women, the boys and girls, to co-operate.

It is a case of fly-traps for every home in the village, larger traps for every store; a case of taking care of the breeding places about stables and garbage heaps. It's a big thing, but we've got to do it to protect our children. Here's for a flyless Downers Grove. Will you help?

THE MOSQUITOES, TOO.

At the last Mothers' Club meeting a committee was appointed to confer with a committee of the Woman's Club to organize a movement against the fly. "As a report of the clinic held in Aurora by the state board of health on the prevention of an epidemic of infantile paralysis" shows that the fly is a carrier, I would like to suggest to this committee to include the mosquitoes, as we all know they carry malaria, and that they breed in damp places. If our boys and girls could see that no tin cans or bottles that hold water is left around for the mosquitoes to breed I think we would have a few less cases. Of course better still is to put your tin cans and such things in a barrel in your cellar and then have them taken to the right dump place.

VILLAGE ORDINANCES IN FULL FORCE.

The attention of local residents is called by village authorities to the following paragraphs from village ordinances:

Sec. 7. Depositing of Ashes, Slop, Etc. Prohibited. It shall not be lawful for any person to throw or deposit, or cause to be thrown or deposited, at any place in said village, any ashes, vegetables, meat, slops, swills, animal matter, soda, garbage, fish, stable, drippings, or offal of any kind, which will produce an offensive odor, or whereby the health of any portion of the community may be affected or endangered; and every person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of causing a nuisance, and shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar, nor more than fifty dollars, for every such offense.

Sec. 10. Penalties for Offensive Grounds. If any person shall own, occupy or keep any grounds or other place in such condition as to be offensive to the neighborhood, he shall be deemed guilty of maintaining a nuisance, and be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, and to a fine for every day such nuisance shall continue after conviction.

Sec. 6. Fine for Violation. Any person or persons who shall violate any of the provisions, or fail to comply with the requirements of Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 of this Chapter (on dogs) shall be fined not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars, for each and every offense, and any person who shall fail or refuse to pay the tax, as provided in this Chapter upon any dog, or dogs, owned or harbored by him, shall be liable to said village for the amount of said tax and costs, in an action of debt to be brought in the name of the village before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Too Busy.

When a thing that really ought to be done presents itself, take it and work it out somehow without hurry or nervousness even though your hands are already full. Don't think "I am too busy." And above all don't say it aloud where anyone can hear you. Being too busy carries an implication of fussy activity as contrasted with efficient effort. To be too busy is necessarily an admission that your job is itself too big for you, or that you are doing things which do not necessarily belong to your job, or that you are not working wisely and efficiently. Pitiless logic inevitably drives your hearers to one of these three conclusions. If you are "too busy" you ought to resign or reorganize.—Publishers Weekly.

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NEWS NOTES FROM OUR NEIGHBORING DUPAGE CO. TOWNS

ELMHURST

Oscar J. Hackbarth, of South York street, Elmhurst, has taken out a patent on a new automobile wheel. It is thought this wheel will soon be standard on all high-priced cars.

Elmhurst has started a real Red Cross Association. A campaign is now on after members for this branch of the national association.

The Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church is to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary on next Sunday.

Julius H. Baumer, a former resident of Elmhurst, died in Chicago Saturday, May 12. He was 69 years old and has painted many famous pictures in churches and hospitals in and around Chicago.—Elmhurst Press, May 5, 1917.

WHEATON

Wm. Holt, a vendor of lead pencils and other small articles, was struck by the overland limited on the Hale street crossing of the C. & N. W. last Saturday morning. An investigation by Coroner Hopf disclosed the fact that the train crew was not responsible in any way. Holt lived in lodging houses in Chicago and leaves no family.

DuPage Camp, No. 59, Department of Illinois, United States Spanish War Veterans, have petitioned the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of Naperville protesting against the reunion of Du Page County soldiers, to be held at Naperville on Memorial Day, and ask that some other day be set aside for this annual gathering.

The Andrew J. McGinnis home on West Franklin street was partially destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. Whelan Lodge, No. 269, A. F. & A. M., will celebrate "two hundred night" at the lodge hall this evening. This is a celebration in honor of the lodge rolls containing 200 names.—Wheaton Illinoisan, May 18, 1917.

HINSDALE

The Boy Scouts again did good work in the clean-up campaign. Six large wagon loads of tin cans were picked up and carted to the village dump last Saturday afternoon.

Rob Bennett and Miss Ruth Lindsey, of La Grange, were painfully but not seriously injured last Saturday evening, when the automobile in which they were riding with several friends smashed into a tree after the steering gear broke.

The following were elected as officers of the Parent-Teacher Association at the annual meeting: Mrs. Chauncey Lamb, President; Mr. Guy Dart, First Vice President; Mrs. Guy Dart, Second Vice President; Mrs. H. I. Hight, Secretary; Mrs. Samuel Markman, Treasurer.—Hinsdale Dolings, May 19, 1917.

"IT'S A MEAN TRICK!" DECLARED SILENCED SPOTTISWOODE.

But Director Withey Said the Music Wouldn't Register Anyhow and Let Him Play On.

In the Triangle-Fine Arts new five reel drama, "The Wharf Rat," Max Marsh and Spottiswoode Aitken have the leading roles. Miss Marsh in the play is Polly Wagner, the orphan daughter of a once famous violinist and her hopes of becoming a great musician would have been ruined by her nagging stepmother just as the stepmother ruined the career of Carmen's father if it were not for the secret violin lessons given her by her grandfather, played by Spottiswoode Aitken. After awhile they flee from the stepmother, whose part is played by Lilian Langdon, and become vagabond musicians.

Spottiswoode Aitken is not what could be described as an accomplished musician—in fact, no one around the studios had ever heard of his having drawn a bow across a string. Nevertheless—but listen to the story.

When it came to taking the first scene in which the violin appears Miss Marsh was content to go through the motions, which could not be distinguished from those of a skilled technician. But Spottiswoode Aitken had had music lessons, he said, and had learned to play a tune. So he played his tune all day. There were nineteen guesses as to what tune it was, but no one to date has guessed it.

The second day Spottiswoode announced that he would play a little mazurka, and every one moaned except Director Withey, who smiled with out bitterness and ordered, "Action, camera."

Spottiswoode Aitken drew the bow across the strings with a great sweep. There was not a sound. He almost dropped the violin. "Cut!" the director yelled to the cameraman. "That's no expression for a great musician to wear!" he protested to Mr. Aitken.

"Well, what the—? What's got the matter with this fiddle?" answered the great musician. And then he discovered that instead of cat gut the strings were now of common twine, greased so that the bow slipped over them noiselessly. Furthermore, they stayed that way for the rest of the taking of the picture.

Cat Valuable to Nation. Recent statistics show that cats are responsible for a loss of nearly \$100,000,000 a year to the British empire. The fact was made public as an argument in favor of the house cat. The same argument is in favor of the cat stated that in countries, or localities, where the cat is scarce the death rate is high, showing that the cat rids the world of the most deadly disease-breeder. Although the suggestion may be fantastical, it is proposed that a corps of cats be used by the government to rid certain places of an epidemic of rats, the government controlling and breeding systematically the intelligent types.

NAPERVILLE'S HOME-COMING CELEBRATION

Naperville, the oldest of our Du Page County towns, announces to its neighbors, friends and former residents a four days' program of festivities as a home-coming celebration, namely, from May 29 to June 1, inclusive. Each of these four days will have a distinctive character as to its festivities and entertainment features as indicated by its designation, as follows:

Tuesday, May 29—Old Citizens' Day.

Wednesday, May 30—Patriotic Day.

Thursday, May 31—School and Church Day.

Friday, June 1—Community Pageant and College Booster Day.

While we cordially invite our county neighbors and friends to come to Naperville on any or all of these festive days, we especially solicit the honor and pleasure of their presence on Decoration Day—the second day of the celebration—which will be Du Page County's great memorial and patriotic event, following the generous action of our honorable Board of Supervisors in naming, for this year, Naperville as the place and Decoration Day as the time, where and when our country's veteran war time heroes will be the guests of the county. This splendid patriotic event will be made doubly attractive and impressive by unusually elaborate decorative, musical and oratorical features. Come to Naperville, bringing flowers with you, on this great memorial day and by your participation in these patriotic services help to make the day a memorable one in the history of Du Page County.

F. A. KENDALL, Chairman General Committee.

T. W. SMITH, Secy. General Committee.

Origin of Lace-Making. A romantic legend is still current among the peasants of Europe concerning the origin of lace. As the story goes, a lover, who could offer his betrothed no costly gift, one day brought to her a leaf which he had plucked in the forest.

She accepted it as a true token of love, and preserved it with care. In time the lover went away—to the war, perhaps—and never returned.

The maiden prized the leaf then as a sacred treasure, and when she found only the delicate veining left of her keepsake, she took needle and thread and tried to copy the fairylike web. And thus was made the first bit of real lace.—Gris' World.

Jack London's Eyes. The eyes of Jack London were unforgettable. I have seen only a few eyes like his, all steel and dew, all sweetness and hidden ferocity, at once feline, challenging, devilish, as though they masked profound and terrible secrets like those lion-faced statues of Egyptian kings; eyes common enough, maybe when the world was young. They were, as Theophile Gautier said of the eyes of Baudelaire, "the color Spanish tobacco sometimes is," and sometimes they were tinted bronze, sometimes blue, and sometimes even black. London's eyes changed with the changing color of his soul, and often seemed filled with the anguish of sins impossible to commit.—The Seven Arts.

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Officers Reserve Corps, Medical Division.

Dr. M. L. Puffer.

Troop C, First Illinois Cavalry. Manley Alderson, Clifford Davenport, Donald Hawkins, Hugh Brown, Owen Griffith.

Troop K, First Illinois Cavalry. Carl Dunnagan, Gail Washburn. Unassigned, First Illinois Cavalry. Ralph Dexter, Richard Hawkins. Battery C, First Illinois Artillery. Stewart Burns, Alexander Burns, Max Butler, Jack Carpenter, Sam Bertolin, George Nargney, Myron Topley, Fred Edwards, Dwight Cox, Grant Nash.

Battery D, First Illinois Artillery. Chester Hall.

Battery F, First Illinois Artillery. Frederick Sacksteder.

First Regiment, I. N. G. Frank Gregory, Co. D; Jack Reissner, Co. C.

Co. B, Second Regiment, I. N. G. Harold Clark.

Co. D, Sixth Regiment, I. N. G. A. Ray Morgan, Clarence Phillips. Machine Gun Corps. Marshall Station.

Regular Navy. Rudolph Mochel, Robert McElroy, South Boston, Massachusetts; Walter Barrett, Brooklyn Navy Yard; Burley Ridler, U. S. Torpedo Boat Destroyer Monahan; Romanzo Lacey, Newport, R. I.

Marine Corps. John Bryan, Jr., Port Royal, S. C. John Burk, John Pozdol, Stanley, Baron, Port Royal, S. C.; Roy Vix, Atlanta, Ga.

U. S. Red Cross Ambulance Corps. Malvin Butler.

U. S. Hospital Corps. Norman Andersen, en route to France.

Regular Army. Corporal Leon Brunet, Second Coast Artillery, Ft. Howard, Md.; Henry M. Dattley, First U. S. Cavalry, Texas.

J. S. Coast Artillery. Felix Prondota.

Officers' Reserve, Ft. Sheridan. J. M. Allison, Gay L. Simonson, I. Haeblich, Wm. J. James, Jr., Alfred H. Straube, I. H. Whitney, A. R. Whitehorn.

We want to keep this list up-to-date and to have the name of every young man who enlists to fight for Old Glory in the list. So far as we know it is now correct.

If you know of any one who is now serving with the regular army or navy or in any state militia unit, we would like very much to get their names, company, regiment, or if in the navy, the ship they are serving on.

To Be Good Patriot. To be a good patriot, a man must consider his countrymen as God's creatures, and himself as accountable for his acting toward them.—Bishop Berkeley

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FREEZE CATCHES FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The Late Frost Caught the Early Vegetable Gardener Napping.

The hard frost of Tuesday night pinched many an August tomato and June and July bean.

At four o'clock Wednesday morning the thermometer on the Littlefield Nursery Farm on the Plank Road registered 29 above, two degrees below freezing. Mr. Littlefield says he expects to lose between 50,000 and 60,000 people buds an amount of freeze.

Tomato plants which were set out in the last two and three weeks have generally suffered and almost all of the early potato plants have blackened from the effects of the frost. Beans and other kitchen vegetables are nearly all frozen and a great deal of work will have to be done over.

Frank Rogers says in his opinion a great many of the smaller fruits have been killed by the freeze. Cherries especially, he says, will be scarce in this part of the country.

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IN AND AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL

Joy was administered to the high school students last week when Mr. Butler announced that there would not be a ninth period any more.

Next week the students will be busy again crowding their brains for the coming examinations. Oh, it's bliss for the seniors not to take exams!

Ruth Iehl visited the high school Tuesday of this week.

The local teachers had a very exciting picnic last Friday evening. The proposed place of destination was Le-mont, but in one reckoned the distance there by the time it took them to almost reach there they would think it a far, far distance. There were seven cars in the party and one Ford. After firing three blowouts, one steering rod, cleaning several spark plugs, filling several batteries and numerous other things the party arrived about two miles from Le-mont and died most elaborately. All the cars had punctures, but Algier Barnard's little old Ford just rambled right along with out the slightest mishap. After the cars had been prepared it was time to return home, and after a little more trouble the party stopped at the school and had ice cream and cake.

The members of the Cicero class had a fine time playing a Latin game similar to others. There are certain verbs on each card. One student may ask another for a card and before they will receive the card they must give the principal parts of the verb correctly. It proved very interesting and beneficial to all.

The seniors had a wonderful time last Friday afternoon and evening at their class picnic. Seventeen of the "glorified bumpsteers" left on the 2:24 train bound for the city of Lisle. From there they rode to the home of Ross Rogers, one of their classmates. After spending an hour taking the seats out of one of the cars they proceeded to bring down their weight playing baseball. Hugh Brown was given the prize, but if he would have been weighed after supper we assure you he would almost have doubled his former weight. Throughout the afternoon and evening the picnickers entered into the sport of the "love game." There are two kinds of these games, one played on a clay court and the other was (in this instance) played on a bench. When all interest was thrust into tennis and indoor baseball some one suggested climbing to the top of the windmill, and immediately all scrambled towards the windmill. The H. S. reporter ascended first and has not been able to scrub the grease off his hands up to this date. Most of the students realized it was their only chance to get up into the world and others thought that they would never get closer to heaven than that, so all but three girls reached the first scaffold. When all were at the very top their pictures were taken to prove their bravery. They had the climbing fever, so they ascended every building on the farm. A walk through the woods and some more "love games" placed all in mood for supper and when the cats were unsupped all took a piece of bacon, placed it on a stick and fried it like regular campers. As space is scarce, ink and paper high, we cannot mention all the eatables, but will mention a few: Bacon, baked potatoes, cooked-wishes, coffee, salad, beef loaf, coo-kies, and then—can you imagine it?—strawberry shortcake. "Schlitz" was served to lick his plate off, and when he tried, some mischievous young fellow pushed it into his face and he was a goodly looking sight. As dusk arrived the happy ones played hide-and-seek and run-sheep-run with the aid of ten-year-olds. The next place visited was the large living room of the home, where the students got hold of some song books and sang a verse of every song. One bright one said he heard a squirrel at the window. We will venture to say the squirrel hit the right place, as it contained numerous pieces of squirrel food. The party broke up and all vowed a good time and to have one every year if possible. The seniors take this liberty to thank Mr. and Mrs. Rogers for opening their home and grounds to the students.

Mr. M. B. Downer presented two large pictures to the H. S. These pictures are now hanging in the corridor of the second floor. One is of Washington and the other of Abraham Lincoln.

The high school classes wish to thank M. B. Downer for the loan of the car and Mrs. Wolf for the loan of the room during the concert given by several of these articles for the benefit of the school.

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