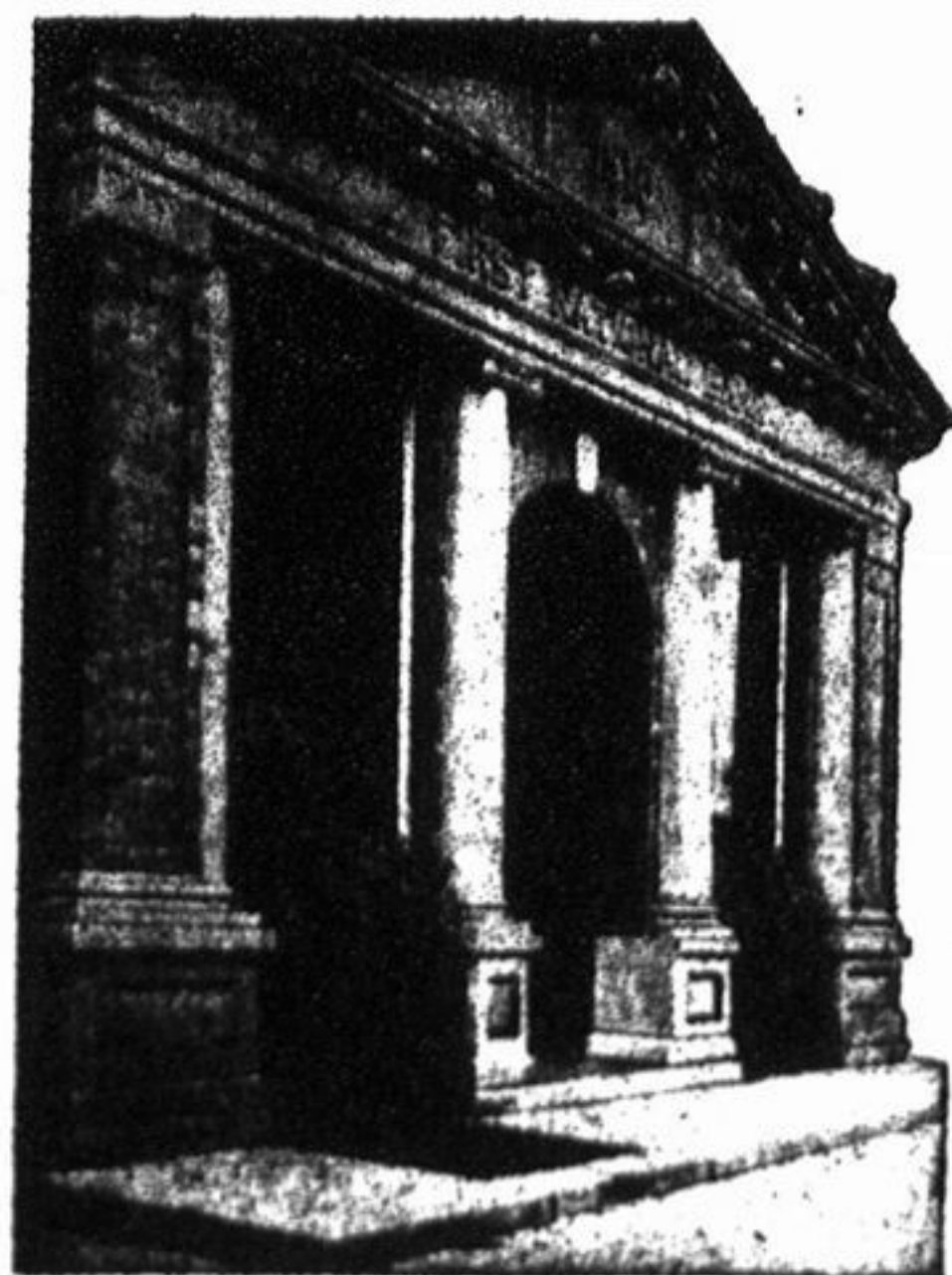


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SUDDEN DEATH OF MISS HATTIE BRYCE SHOCK TO FRIENDS

Spanish Influenza Was Responsible For Three Deaths in Village Last Week

The Spanish Influenza was responsible for three deaths in Downers Grove last week and from the opinion of local doctors it is as bad now as when the State was quarantined for this malady in October.

Schools close today for two weeks and people are urged to take every precaution to prevent the spread and catching of the disease.

Mrs. Thomas Drew, Miss Rosa Tholin and Miss Hattie Bryce were the victims of this dreaded malady and all of them were sick but a few days when death overtook them.

HATTIE BRYCE

Hattie Otis Bryce was born in Downers Grove, Illinois, June 18th, 1889. Died Sunday Morning, December 8th, 1918.

Miss Bryce was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church during the pastorate of Rev. H. H. Road.

She was always very active in the work of the church and Sunday School. For some time she had charge of the Primary Department. Later she taught in the Junior Department. She was also an earnest and faithful worker in the Epworth League and a great favorite among the young people.

Her many activities in church and school life made her personally acquainted with all the children and young people in the community. Indeed, it would be difficult to mention anyone who would be more generally missed or universally mourned.

On her last Sunday on earth she sang in the choir at the Methodist church as usual, thus going up from the visible choir in the church militant to the invisible choir in the church triumphant.

She died a victim of influenza. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

She received her early education in our Elementary schools and our High School, graduating. She attended the DeKalb Normal School to better prepare herself for the teaching profession. She taught one year at Colechester, Illinois, two years at South Grex School District, and for the past four years has been teaching in our Public Schools.

Her sudden death brought a tear to the eye and sorrow to the heart of every one who knew her. No one stood higher in the community than Hattie Bryce. She possessed that soundness, sweetness and loveliness of character, those attributes, which go to make up a rare and gracious life. Faith in children and youth are the best, the broadest and deepest qualification of a teacher. Miss Bryce had that faith strong enough to inspire human souls to higher ideals and work. What is better or nobler.

In disposition she was cheerful, generous, helpful and unselfish at all times to all who knew her. To know her was to love her. None were found truer in friendship than was she. Noble teacher of God, thou art gone but—

"Thou art not idle; in the higher sphere, Thy spirit bends itself to loving tasks.

And strength, to perfect what is dreamed of here, Is all the crown and glory that it asks."

A very impressive funeral service was held from the Bryce family residence 218 East Maple Avenue on Monday afternoon, Rev. B. H. Fleming officiating assisted by the Rev. J. F. Jenness.

The pupils from her room in the school attended the service in a body. The interment took place at the West Side cemetery.

ROSA THOLIN

Miss Rosa Tholin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Tholin of North Main Street was born in Chicago, October 11, 1889. With her parents she moved to Downers Grove a few years later and has since made this village her

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PLANS FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS NEAR COMPLETION

Committee Hard at Work on Final Arrangements for Big Gathering

Last Monday evening the Central Committee of the Downers Grove Community Christmas Association met in Charles Haller's real estate office to perfect their plans and to arrange for the carrying on to a successful issue of the work now so well under way.

Rev. R. K. Schwab, the General Chairman, presided. Mrs. Imogene L. Kelly, the General Secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting of December 2nd. Mr. Geo. Schnabele was forced by unusual pressure of business to resign from his position as Chairman of the Equipment Committee, but Mr. L. E. Jones of 76 N. Main Street has been secured to fill the responsible position and we are assured from the way that the new chairman takes hold of his part of the common task that he will see it through to a splendid success.

Mr. Jones is a busy man, but he is also a public spirited man and the other members of the Central Committee appreciate very much the way in which he has agreed to help carry on the community's Christmas making.

Mr. Jones is starting out in a thorough search for the very best tree that Downers Grove can supply for the city's celebration. If any generous and helpful citizen has a nice large evergreen tree that he is willing to give for the city Christmas occasion, or knows where one can be got, just call up Mr. Jones, 144-R, and tell him about it. He will do the rest! No tree is too good for Downers Grove this year.

It has been decided to have the tree put up in front of the Congregational Church and Red Cross hall. Here it can be seen from all directions, can be securely anchored and decorated and is close to the town center. It will be well sheltered and several large buildings will be close by to house the chorus of singers, the other musicians and actors taking part in the Christmas program and pageant.

Mrs. Minnie Prince has been chosen to superintend the gathering of ornaments and the decorating of the tree. Plans are for each family of Downers Grove to furnish three or four durable ornaments for the tree. These will be later collected and taken to the tree. So begin to hunt up a few strong ornaments for the city tree and have them ready when Mrs. Prince and her helpers call for them!

The Christmas program is to be held at the Community Christmas Tree at 7:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. on Christmas night, Wednesday, December 25th. Everyone, who can possibly manage to make it at all, will bundle up in warm clothes and be present. There will be the beautifully decorated and brightly lighted tree to gladden the eyes of all beholders. Then a short and interesting program will be given. Everyone is to know the words and tune and to join in singing "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." There are to be a few selections by a large Christmas chorus. And also a Christmas pageant is to be acted out. Many Downers Grove folks will take part in this.

Every evening except Sunday, beginning on Wednesday evening, December 18th about 6:00 p. m., there will be some jolly affair pulled off at the intersection of Main and Curtis Streets. It will be for only ten or fifteen minutes and will be under the auspices of a different organization each evening. Don't miss these preliminary bits of Christmas jollification! The Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls Company H, the lodges etc., will each try to put on the best stunt! You will want to see and hear them all! These are a part of our community Christmas this year!

Watch for the Community Christmas Posters that are being designed and put up in public places by the Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Mr. Foster, the school teachers and others! The suggestion box is still in the post office. We are getting quite a few helpful suggestions right along from interested folks of the community. We want your ideas. Write them out and put them in the box for us.

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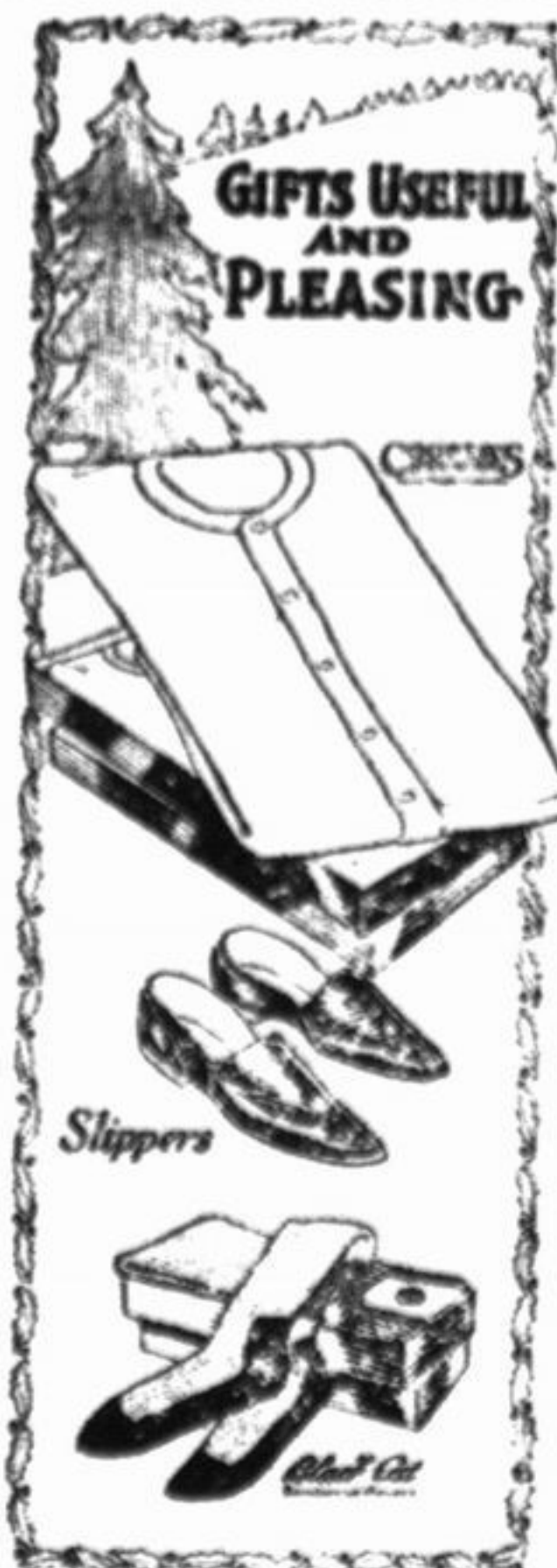
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