

# FLOODED CEL- LARS RESULT OF HEAVY RAIN

### St. Joe Creek Usually a Placid Stream Full to Overflowing—Storm Sewers Overloaded

Cellars flooded, every low spot a lake and the ground soggy with water are a few of the after effects of the heavy rains of the week end. Little St. Joe "creek," usually such a placid stream meandering thru town and thru "the woods," was a raging torrent. In many places it overflow-

ed its banks and inundated the low-lands along its course. Most of the Main Street stores had from a few inches to a few feet of water in the basements and there was hardly a house in town that did not suffer a little in this respect. The storm sewers were overworked and the flow of water backed a few of them up, but considering the enormous quantity of water that fell they did nobly.

#### Looking Backward

Knowing many of our readers are not acquainted with the Downers Grove of twenty years ago, we asked one of the older residents to write a little of spring flood conditions at that time and the following is the result:

#### Floating Sidewalks

I well remember some of the spring floods of the late 90's and early 1900's. At that time the little creek which

crossed Forest Avenue just north of Tholin's tailor shop and now runs underground there, was wont to go on a rampage. All of the sidewalks were of wooden construction and here, as in other parts of town, when the water was high the sidewalks were of the floating variety. This creek would spill over its banks for about fifty feet on each side and the walks would float on the water. Small boys at times would cut out sections to be used for rafts and the gap would be forded with much muttering of "the law on the young varmints."

At that time there were no storm sewers and in fact no sanitary sewers and the roads—its impossible to describe them. Take a look at a few of those beyond the pavements which have had no stone or gravel, multiply that by 100 and you have a skimpy description of Main Street in the spring. Delivery wagons would go laboring along, the wheels sunk down to the hubs.

For weeks water would stand in vacant places as there was no way for it to run off, seriously endangering health. Blodgett's slough was nearly a lake and other places were in proportion.

The advent of cement sidewalks, brick paving sanitary and storm sewers, however, have done away with that picturesque but at times uncomfortable mode of living, making Downers Grove a real place in which to live.

"Old Timer."

# BLUE ISLAND WON FROM D. G. H. S. LAST FRIDAY

### Successful Season Closed at Local Gym—Alumni Walloped Glen Ellyn.

D. G. H. S. closed a very successful basket ball season Friday night, the occasion was a game with Blue Island. Like every game played on the local floor this year, the score was close and the play exciting enough to keep the crowd on their feet all the time.

The game started fast and furious with Downers scoring first. Due to their team work and Shurte's good work in caging free throws, the Purple and White kept the lead until near the close of the half. The opponents by a series of good passes and lucky shots managed to close the period on the heavy end of the score; 12 to 10.

The second half opened with both teams using a new style of play. The guarding was so close that both resorted to long shots. In this style of game [the visitors proved more skillful; Robe, Blue Island's right forward, registered three baskets in the final period. The boys put all they had in the final with the hope of turning the advantage but the whistle blew too soon to see this realized.

The final count was 21 to 18. Following is the line-up:

Blue Island (21)	B	F	P	T
Robe, R. F.	4	0	1	1
Gordan, L. F.	3	3	0	1
Franger, C.	2	0	2	0
Klein, R. G.	0	0	1	1
Reardon, L. G.	0	0	2	1
Downers Grove (18)	9	3	6	4
Bush, R. F.	B	F	P	T
Shurte, L. F.	2	0	0	1
Vaughan, C.	3	6	0	1
Grumhaus, R. G.	1	0	1	1
Boon, L. G.	0	0	1	0
	6	6	3	5

In the second game the local alumni administered a thorough beating to the Glen Ellyn alumni. Much interest was taken in the game in spite of the one-sided score, 38 to 12. The Glen Ellyn quintet worked hard but were completely outclassed.

The feature of the game was Curtis' all-around playing; he alone was responsible for 23 of Downers' 38 points. Dewitt and Griffiths' close guarding accounted for the visitors' low score. The team work of both teams was unusually good considering the fact that neither team had played together before.

The score follows:

Glen Ellyn (12)	B	F	P	T
Lewellyn, R. F.	1	0	1	0
Paine, L. F.	2	4	0	0
Ankrav, C.	1	0	0	0
Ludskie, R. G.	0	0	0	0
Keedle, L. G.	0	0	0	0
Downers Grove (38)	4	4	1	0
Curtis, R. F.	B	F	P	T
Butler, L. F.	11	1	0	0
Vix, C.	2	0	0	1
Griffiths, R. G.	2	0	2	0
Dewitt, L. G.	1	0	0	0
Rogers	3	0	1	0
	0	0	0	0
	18	1	3	1

The following boys on the first team have been awarded letters in basket ball:

Bush, Bruce, Capt.  
Shurte, Richmond  
Vaughan, Paul  
Grumhaus, Harold  
Boon, Guthrie  
Alison, Bennett

The following boys on the second team have been awarded letters:

Peterson, Lambert, Capt.  
Mills, Arthur  
Tyler, Arthur  
Barnard, Alger  
Roth, Winston  
Phelps, LeRoy  
Morton, Merville  
Goodman, Claire

### MRS. E. BRUNET

Mrs. Emerance Brunet, for many years a resident of Downers Grove, was buried from St. Joseph's church yesterday morning.

Mrs. Brunet was born in Chicago on March 17, 1869. She was raised on a Quincey, Ill., and later moved to Canada.

In 1892 she was married to E. Brunet and eight children were born to her. The children are: Hector, Lieut. Gen., Eugene, Lieut. Col., Eva, Henry, Edward and Mrs. Charles McVick.

R. V. E. B. Goodwin had charge of her services Wednesday and burial as made in St. Bernard's cemetery, south of town.

# SENIOR PLAY "PA'S PICNIC" MARCH 28TH

The annual Senior play of the Downers Grove High School will be given at the Curtis Theatre March 28th. "Pa's Picnic" is the title of this year's offering and promises to be a scream. Rehearsals are now in progress and the dramatic abilities of the students are coming to the fore. Following is the program:

Cast of characters:  
Pa Preston, a rich farmer ..... James Mjles '19  
Ma Preston, his wife, ..... Virginia Waples '22  
Betty Preston, their daughter ..... Gladys Whitney '19  
Ross Burton, a neighbor ..... Robert Anderson '20

Guests .....  
Max Turner '19  
Edward Waples '19  
Amy Turner '19  
Hazel Kellogg '19  
Bob White '19  
Roland Modjeska '19  
Gertrude Laurie '19  
Alice Shumway '19  
Mamie Caldwell '19  
Charlotte Hoffer '19  
Mrs. Jenkins, another neighbor ..... Mabel Oldfield '21  
Willie Jenkins, her son ..... Alwyn Fleming '21  
Gypsy ..... Veronica Kohley '19  
Miss Blake, fond of picnics ..... Frances Bensley '19  
Bill, Mr. Preston's hired man ..... Alger Barnard '19  
Act I. Summer afternoon. Side yard of the Preston home.  
Act II. The next afternoon. Picnic woods.  
Music furnished by the High School Orchestra.  
Director: Miss Mary McIlhenny.  
Accompanist: Thelma Roe '19.  
Between acts, Gwendolyn Griffiths and Edward Waples will present a scene from "The Gypsy Countess."

# JOSEPH STRAULEY

While despondent and in a condition of temporary insanity, Joseph Strauley committed suicide by hanging last Saturday morning.

Last November he underwent an operation but was apparently recovering nicely when two weeks ago he suffered from an attack of influenza. This disease leaving him in a weakened condition is thought to have been responsible for his act.

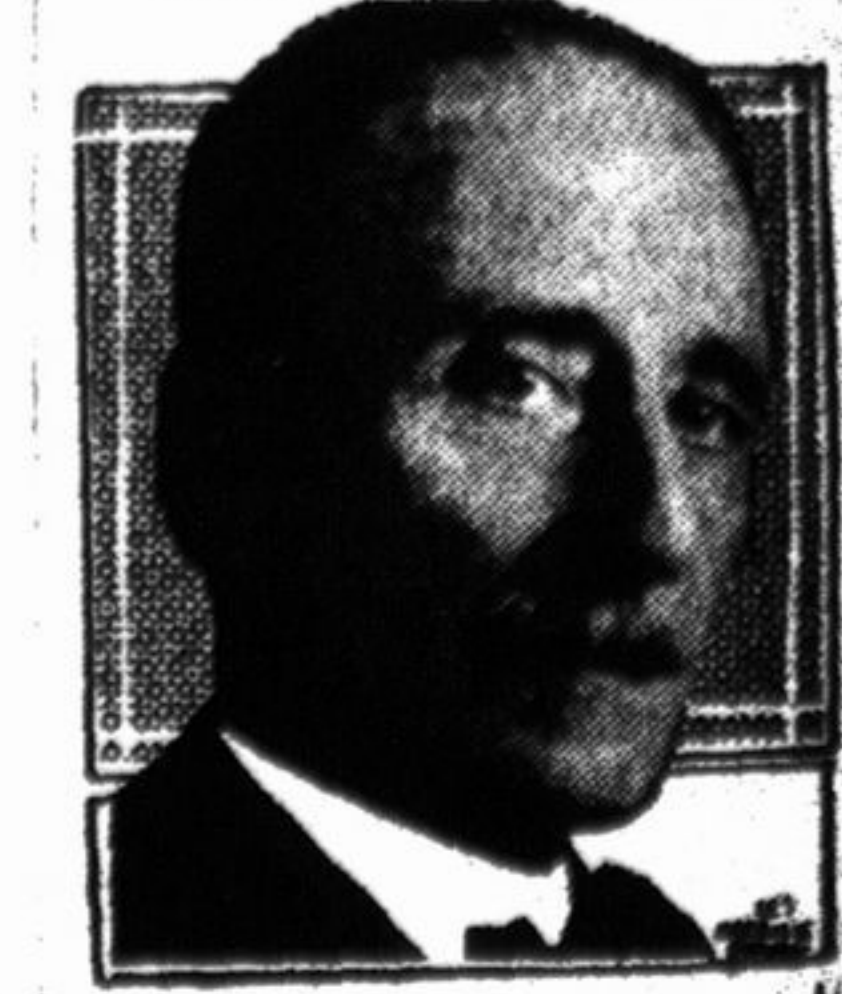
His youngest son, Arthur, found him in the corn crib on their farm about a mile north of Lemont, Saturday morning. The family had had no intimation of the act before and he left no note or other word.

Joseph Strauley was born south of Downers Grove, forty-eight years ago and has since made his home in the township.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Strauley, of Randall Street and besides a wife and five children, three girls and two boys, he leaves two brothers, Charles and Albert, and three sisters, Mrs. Jos. V. Dieter, Mrs. A. Vogel and Mrs. Elmer Kampmeyer.

The classified columns are read. It's been proven over and over. List your wants and for sales there and get results.

# CHILEAN AMBASSADOR CLIMBED TO POST



Sticking to the bush, even in diplomatic ranks is not without its reward. Thirty years ago Senor don Beltran Mathies of Chile, South America, was secretary to the ambassador to America. He is now the ambassador.

# Some "Inside Stuff" for Women



This is the season of the year when women always lay the foundation for summery daintiness by taking advantage of the white sales which prevail the land over. Lingerie such as shown here is of crepes, silks and fine linens, with touches of French and Swiss embroideries, laces and ribbons as trimmings.

# OHIO SENATOR HAS ELEVEN REASONS TO FAVOR WOMEN'S RIGHT



State Senator Tom Berry of Spencerville, Ohio, is usually back of any legislative measure advocated by women. The reason is plainly shown in the above photograph. Berry claims the family suffrage championship of the land. Ten daughters to assist mother can usually talk him out on any purely masculine argument he may make. Ten visits from the stork—ten girls. Can this community beat it? The girls, left to right, are Bernice, Nell, Grace, Blanche, Adda, Beatrice, Norma, Unice, Hazel and Jessie—Whew—just think of it—TEN Easter bonnets.

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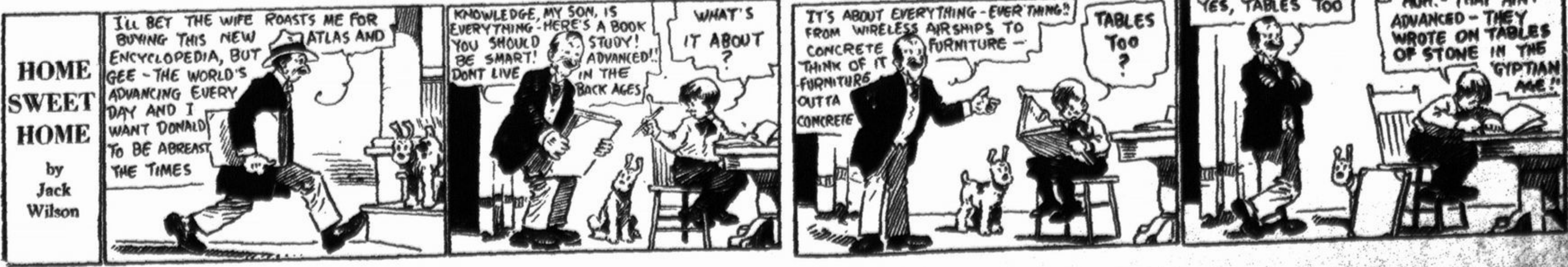
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# HOME SWEET HOME



Daddy's education has been sadly neglected.