

ODDFELLOWS TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL YEAR

The Hall of Downers Grove Lodge, No. 750, I. O. O. F., was a riotous scene last Monday evening when a delegation, with plenty of pep, from Aurora & Elgin Electric line came here to tell the boys of their plans for the several Oddfellow lodges along the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the order to be held at Batavia, Ill., on May 2nd.

The delegation consisted of twenty-five members of Rock City Lodge, Batavia, and several members each from I. O. O. F. lodges at Wheaton, West Chicago, St. Charles and Glen Ellyn. This delegation of Centennial boosters drove over in an auto truck, from Batavia, picking up the members from the other lodges enroute. It was their idea to impress upon the Downers Grove Lodge the necessity of their participating in this Centennial celebration but the local lodge had made other plans and their decision was that they would hold a party of their own and let the relatives, neighbors and friends of the members in Downers Grove and vicinity help them enjoy the occasion and celebrate with them. Plans are running along smoothly for the local event which will be held on Monday evening, April 28th at the Oddfellow Hall. Local talent will be very much in evidence and the refreshment committee reports a good feed in store for those who will attend. It is hoped that the hall will be filled to capacity as the Oddfellows are making every effort to have this the banner event of Downers Grove I. O. O. F. Lodge which is just starting to attain its proper place in the fraternal circles of the village after a long period of inactivity.

Sample Election Ballot

The following is a fac-simile of the Official Election Ballot for the Election of the Library Directors and Police Magistrate of the Village of Downers Grove, at the Municipal Election to be held in the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage and State of Illinois; Tuesday, April 15, A. D. 1919.

H.A. Gardiner Village Clerk

Candidates for the Election for Library Directors and Police Magistrate of the Village of Downers Grove, at the Municipal Election.

FOR LIBRARY DIRECTORS (Vote for six)

For 3 years

- STANLEY J. BROWN
L. B. WELLS

For 2 years

- F. C. LANCASTER
EDNA M. PERRON

For 1 year

- WALTER R. CURTIS
W. B. TOWSLEY

FOR POLICE MAGISTRATE (Vote for one)

- CARL A. CARLSON

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H.A. Gardiner Village Clerk

Candidates for the Election for Mayor and Commissioners of the Village of Downers Grove, at the Municipal Election.

FOR MAYOR (Vote for one)

- WALTER C. BARBER

FOR COMMISSIONERS (Vote for four)

- DELBERT AUSTIN
WILLIAM BENDER
HARRY W. BRYCE
E. L. DICKERSON
CHAS. HALLER
I. G. HEARTT
WALTER J. STAATS

THE AVERAGE ATTIC IS FULL OF MONEY - IS YOURS? Most every housewife in town is busily engaged either in spring cleaning or preparing for this annual event. While rummaging around the attic or the basement you find an odd article of furniture or some household necessity which is simply cluttering up the place. Why don't you sell the stuff you don't need? Someone can use it. Use the advertising columns of the Reporter to present before possible buyers second hand furniture. An ad costs but 35 cents. Is your attic full of money?

IN AND AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL

The basket ball team had its pictures taken one day last week. One of the members of the team says that several cameras were broken in the attempt. We would not venture to guess how many were broken. One of the information first hand.

Miss Olive Riedy, of Naperville, was a visitor at the high school on Friday.

Recipe for a credit: 8 periods of school, 5 days of the week, 3 outside hours of study, Books galore, Mixing method, Be sure to have 5 days of 8 periods each handy, Mix well with the 3 hours of outside study, Add books as necessary, Place in the head, Add brains, all that you have, A little peace and a few kind words add to the flavor, Ready to serve the last of May.

Robert Wolf, '22, surely did his bit to make the Senior play a success from a financial standpoint. He sold 106 tickets. Pretty good bit, we say.

The Soph sewing class must be a careless bunch. The other day one of them was heard to remark: "Well, I'm all sewed up."

The Latin club of the high school spent a most delightful evening of Saturday last at the home of Mrs. Reed on Highland Avenue. A most interesting program was prepared by Miss Trotter. It was as follows: Latin yells with Edward Anderson as cheerleader. A dramatization of "Red Riding Hood" with Fannie Radell as Red Riding Hood and Dorothy Towsley as the Wolf. "Militis Christiana" was sung by Thelma Roe, Marie Neilson, Delight Verdenius, with Elsworth Bogart accompanying on the violin. The "Pome of a Possum" was read by Jack Reed. "Felis" was read by Helen Deegan. The story of the three bears was enacted in Latin by George Bauge, Edward Anderson, Marie Nielsen and Helen Beidelman. Jack and Jill was given in Latin by Edward Tank, and Little Jack Horner by Edwin Graves; Tom, Tom the Piper's Son, by Edward Hanson, "Ultima Thule," a prophecy of the discovery of America, and "Cotilus," a Roman's definition of a beau" was read by Guthrie Boone. "The Roman of Old" by Richard Drees. After the program games were played, and the evening closed with very lovely refreshments.

How can this be? One of the teachers said that she wanted her pupils to look forward with pleasure to her classes, and in the next breath she announced a test.

Spelling report is as follows: Botany class, 99.69; American History, class, 99.11; Home Economics, 99.5; Fresh English, 98.89; Study Hall, 98.61; Fresh Latin, 99.87; Bookkeeping

class, 98.1. When the Seniors think of us, They like to jeer and scoff, But before one is a Senior He had to be a Soph. The Freshmen Lightweights have booked a date with the American Eagles, A. C. Watch for the date. James Milnes, the Senior president in a speech before the assembly the other morning said that in view of the fact that the Freshmen had rendered such valuable assistance in the way of selling tickets for the play that the Senior class had decided to treat the Frosh better in the future. Would that the play had come in September.

In the last week's ten minute typewriting test from copy work, deducting five words for each error, the following pupils received the highest average: Winston Roth, 25.6 words per minute; Ben Morgan, 25.0; Veronica Kohley, 24.6.

All the Seniors are keeping their class mates busy writing in their memory books. Hebe seems quite popular. We even hear of her in English VI.

The only objection heard in regard to the Senior play was that they didn't pass the cats.

Bob Anderson is now noted as a writer, the chauffeur of the little red car and an actor.

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LOCAL MARKETS ARE ESSENTIAL Equal Responsibility for Their Support Rests Upon the Farmers and Merchants. MUST ASSIST EACH OTHER Prosperity of Community Depends Upon Each of These Two Classes Buying Products and Goods of Each Other.

(Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.) The first essential in the development of any business is the possession of a market. The manufacturer must have a market for his products or he cannot succeed, no matter how valuable those products may be or how efficiently his plant may be operated. The wholesale merchant and the retail merchant may have the choicest stocks of goods, but they may as well go out of business if they have not a market where they can dispose of their stocks. The farmer may produce bumper crops, but they will rot upon the ground if he cannot find a market for them. The wage earner's skill and muscle bring him no returns unless there is a market for his labor. The question of markets is the big one in every line of business and in every community the question is a vital one. In each community, which must be taken to include not only all the people who live in the town but the farmers who live in the surrounding country as well, there are two sides to the market question. The business men of the town must have a market for the things which they have to sell. Otherwise they cannot continue in business. At the same time the farmers must have a market for the things which they raise or they may as well go out of business. When Either Falls Both Suffer. The merchants of the town can provide a market for the products of the farmers and the farmers can provide a market for the goods which the merchants have to sell. As long as each class of citizens provides a market for the other class all is well and the goose hangs high, but when either class fails to provide a market for the other the goose is cooked, not only for the class which is deprived of the market but for the other as well. The farmer has a right to expect the town which is his natural trading point to provide a market for his products, and the town is not performing its proper function as the trading center of its community if it does not see

that such a market is provided. The responsibility of looking after the fulfillment of this obligation rests largely upon the merchants of the town. The farmer is a producer and he must dispose of his products before he can become a consumer. It is, therefore, not only right but necessary from a business standpoint that the merchants should aid the farmer in turning his products into money. Otherwise the farmer naturally will have no money to spend in the stores of the town. Obligation on Farmers. On the other hand, the merchants of the town have a right to expect the farmers to provide a market for the merchandise which they have to sell, and the farmers are not doing their duty to their community if they do not provide such a market. In this case, also, it is not only right but it is necessary to the prosperity of the farmers that they should aid the merchants in turning their merchandise into cash. Otherwise it is obvious that the merchants will have no money with which to buy the products of the farmers. This is a double-barreled proposition and the obligation rests equally upon both the merchants and the farmers to maintain the markets which are essential to both classes of citizens. Any town which would import from points hundreds of miles distant the farm products which it could buy at home would be pursuing a very short-sighted policy, for it would be making it impossible for the farmers in its territory to buy the goods of its merchants. As a matter of fact no town does this unless it is forced by unusual conditions to do so. A town may be located in a community which is not productive enough to meet the local demands, and in that case it is forced to import farm products but the town which is compelled to do this is at a disadvantage from a commercial standpoint unless it is essentially a manufacturing town, in which case its products are sold to other communities and bring in enough cash to offset that which is sent away to purchase farm products. Must Have Outside Business. In the average community, however, the town is dependent for its prosperity upon the money received from the farmers in the ordinary channels of trade, rather than upon that obtained from the sale of its own products. In the average town the merchants cannot make money and continue in business if they are dependent solely upon the people of the town for their business. No business can last long with "everything going out and nothing coming in," and it is equally true that no business can be operated on the principle of "everything coming in and nothing going out." To maintain the balance which is necessary to the maintenance of prosperity in a community there must be an even trade between the business men of the town.

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