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SHOULD THE PLAY GROUND EQUIPMENT REMAIN?

To the Editor of The Reporter,
Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the Board of Education the question of what should be done with the playground apparatus at the South Side School came up for serious discussion. It was finally decided to ask the Recreation Association to outline their plan to the Building and Grounds Committee with a view of adopting some definite line of action. I have no doubt that the whole question is in wise hands and that a satisfactory solution will be reached. May I use your columns to make a few suggestions, not as a member of the Board of Education, nor as one who has been actively interested in our recreation program, but as the father of four children whose characters are to be formed to a large extent in Downers Grove.

I do not desire to influence through the press in one way or another action on the playground apparatus, but it seems to me that we are brought face to face with an issue more fundamental than the one of apparatus or no apparatus that every thoughtful parent should consider on its own merits.

No one would question that accidents like the one that has rested so heavily on the hearts of all of us are dreadful beyond expression nor that every means should be used to make them as nearly impossible in the future as forethought and good judgment can make them. It is easy to say that the obvious way to steer clear of future trouble of this kind would be to tear down the equipment and sell it for junk. First thought impels many of us to urge such action. It seems to me that it is the only thing to do unless we can find some better way.

I feel that it would be a mistake to follow the first impulse, however, without at least considering another solution. Of course it is to be remembered that the one piece of apparatus that has caused any trouble has been permanently removed. With that done, the apparatus might be allowed to remain on the one condition that we determine to educate ourselves and our children to the idea that this is a very valuable piece of community property, capable of giving untold enjoyment, but perfectly safe, only if used under supervision. To adopt this alternative should imply the acceptance on the part of all thinking citizens of a responsibility that has its roots very deep down among the fundamentals of public welfare. It implies the acceptance of the hard way of solving our problems in the hope of an ultimate greater good.

I want to forget the apparatus for a moment because it is really incidental to the thing that interests us most. Let me bring to your attention another incidental matter that bears on the larger subject. I was told the other day about a man who had spent a good deal of time this summer on a patch of melons. He

expected to make a little money of it when the time came, for it gave excellent promise of a good crop. The other night some of the boys from our village raided the patch. Most of the melons were too green to eat, but these were broken open. It is presumed that a few were eaten, but practically the whole crop of several hundred melons was destroyed. Perhaps, remembering our boyhood days, we smile complacently at what we call a boys' prank, although we can imagine the chagrin and disappointment of the man whose property was destroyed and whose labor was made of no account.

I claim that there are two ways to handle a situation like this. The first would be the easy way—pass a law forbidding the raising of melons. That would destroy the source of temptation. The hard way is to develop a public conscience that would put stealing beyond the most careless that that could come into the mind of our most thoughtless child. I am sure that you will agree with me that the more difficult is the better way to build character although it leaves the source of temptation still with us. As to such traditions as those which make melons or pencils or tablets or money in our banks common property, it is time for them to go.

To return to the playground. We have had a terrible tragedy there. In spite of the fact that the apparatus has been locked up so securely that any boy or girl must know that the authorities do not want it used, and with the recent tragedy in their minds, children persist in trying to use it. Some of us throw up our hands in despair, saying (please notice the following reason) "You can't expect children to leave it alone if it is there." My own opinion (and I am sure that many others will agree with me) is that while removal of this part or that or all of it may take away possible danger to life and limb just as the abolishing of all play would remove even greater physical dangers, still, unless something is done about it, there would remain a community laxness toward a moral issue that is more dangerous to our total welfare than any possible physical danger could be.

So, if it is decided that the play equipment should go for safety's sake, I, for one, will accept the verdict without question. If it seems better to let it stay, I hope that anything that looks dangerous will be replaced with something safe, while parents and children cooperate in respecting rules putting the apparatus out of use when not supervised, to the end that children may have their fun with a minimum of danger and that our community conscience may be quickened, at home, in the schools, in churches and while at play, to discern and respect all constituted authority as well as the rights and property of others.

Very sincerely yours,
Horace G. Butler,
September 15th, 1919.

The American Legion dance to be given next Friday evening, September 26th promises to be a really fine affair. For a good time, be sure and attend.

G. A. R. MEN OF COUNTY ENJOYED ANNUAL REUNION

Nearly 200 veterans of the Civil War and their wives were the guests of Du Page County on Tuesday. The occasion was the annual Soldiers' Reunion and dinner tendered the G. A. R. men of the county by the supervisors.

Five automobiles conveyed the boys and their wives from here. Thanks to the efforts of Supervisor C. B. Blodgett, who has had charge of the annual get-together for years, the affair was a great success.

The program follows:
Call to Order—Chairman Committee C. B. Blodgett

Song—"The Star Spangled Banner" Quartette and Audience

Welcome—Chairman Board of Supervisors Mr. George Boger

Song—"Shining Shore" Quartette

Invocation—Pastor of Gary Memorial Church Harlow V. Holt

Hymn—Selection Quartette

Talk—Dept. Com. Ill. G. A. R. Hon. Henry D. Fulton

Song—"America" Quartette

Talk—Past Dept. Commander Bishop Samuel Fallows

Talk—Member of the Red Cross Rev. J. G. Brooks

Intermission—Adjournment for dinner at Gary Memorial Church

Camp Fire—Comrade Preston presiding

Music—Selection Quartette

Talks and Songs—Five minute talks and songs to be called at random—Edwin N. Armstrong, Junior Vice Department Commander; Henry C. Cook, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General; Capt. Wright, Rev. C. G. Dixon, Col. James J. Healy, Capt. Wm. H. King, Col. Wm. R. Plum, Hon. C. B. Bowman, Hon. C. W. Hadley, Hon. Judge C. D. Clark, Maj. Willard Scott, Gen. C. S. Bentley, Dr. J. A. Bell.

PLANS FOR COMMUNITY ATHLETIC FIELD FURTHERED

Further steps are being taken in plan to have an athletic field with a baseball diamond and a football gridiron primarily for the use of the American Legion and also to serve as a rallying place for all the village athletics. At a meeting Tuesday evening at Library Hall attended by representatives of the Recreation department of the Community Welfare League, the American Legion and the Recreation Association, plans looking to an active campaign for the proposed ball and athletic field were discussed, and arrangements were made for a meeting of a committee, the officers of the Recreation Association and the American Legion.

At the conclusion of the conference the season's experiment in community athletics was discussed and suc-

cessful in the past. Plans were endorsed by all present. Officers of supervised recreation, the school authority being advised, it is possible for financial reasons, urged that the gymnastic apparatus on the school grounds be removed and it was voted without a dissenting voice that the Recreation department of the Welfare League recommend to the Recreation Association that the apparatus be removed. It has been announced by the officers of the Recreation Association that an effort will be made this winter to keep the ice on the lake clear of snow for the benefit of skaters. Further improvement of existing tennis courts and the creation of another court is also looked for.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met in regular session at the Maple Ave. School Building.

President J. R. Shaffer presiding and the following members present: H. G. Butler, H. E. Tank, W. R. Curtis, R. E. Rassweiler, F. E. Dowe. Absent, Mrs. M. H. Prince.

The following bills were received, having been approved by the Finance Committee:

Wm. Vix, Painting.....	\$ 307.60
Emil Vix, Painting.....	296.40
Henry Vix, Carpenter.....	40.00
Fred Witt, Janitor.....	100.00
Mrs. Drew Janitor.....	60.00
Gust Johnson, Janitor.....	70.00
Fred E. Dowe, Secretary.....	15.00
N. E. Anderson, Elec. Judge.....	6.00
G. C. Butler, Elec. Judge.....	17.25
incidentals.....	11.00
W. R. Feasley, same.....	28.25
D. G. Pub. Co., Printing.....	9.54
Chgo. Tel. Co., Rentals and Tolls.....	4.70
Village, Electric Light.....	1.08
Gas Co., Gas.....	3.10
J. W. Nash, Supplies.....	24.02
Emrich Bros., Supplies.....	2.80
B. F. Morgan, Rent of clock.....	2.50
C. Schultz, Teaming.....	73.99
Ida Witt, Cleaning.....	15.20
Mrs. C. Schoen, Cleaning.....	10.85
Fred Witt, Cleaning.....	121.00
R. D. Blakey, Painting.....	280.00
Dan Miley, Plastering and cement work.....	3.25
Edw. G. Venard, Teaming.....	98.81
Jord Lbr. C., Lumber.....	48.03
J. D. Gillespie & Co., Sup.....	559.47
Mertz & Mochel, Supplies.....	

Total \$2,214.37
ordered paid. Voting Aye: H. G. Butler, H. E. Tank, W. R. Curtis, R. E. Rassweiler, F. E. Dowe.
Voting No: None

Committee on Teachers report that Miss McSweeney had resigned owing to sickness and Miss Kathryn Payne had been engaged in her place at \$90.00 per month.

After general discussion of School matters on motion the Board adjourned.

Fred E. Dowe, Secretary.

AGITATION FOR FOREST PRESERVE IS AGAIN STARTED

Mayor W. C. Barber, ex-mayor J. F. Kidwell, Supervisors Jay Littleford and C. B. Blodgett, Charles Mochel, Sam Curtiss, C. Ford Davis, Walter J. Staats and other local men met a committee from the county board Wednesday afternoon. This committee composed of Supervisors Hammerschmidt, Boger and Stearns, are looking over suitable tracts thru the county for Forest Preserve sites.

They promised the local men that they would recommend to the county board that \$8,000 be put aside for the purchase of acreage in the timber to the west of us for this purpose. The payments on the tract to be completed May 1, 1921.

The representatives of Downers Grove urged that the county issue bonds to cover the cost of these tracts throughout districts as has been so successfully done in Cook County and elsewhere. This the committee from the county board said would not do as the county has never issued bonds.

This tract of land should be worked for by everyone having the future good of the community at heart.

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