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STREAM POLLUTION

Downers Grove has a fine sewer system and it also has septic tanks and filter beds to take care of the village sewage. The filter beds, however, are never used. After a little sojourn, if any, in the septic tanks, the sewage is run into St. Joe Creek to be carried away if the water is high enough and if not then to stand in the deeper pools below the plant in the woods.

The way the sewage is disposed of now is wrong and the State Department of Public Health has investigated all sewer systems in the county. You may wonder what the State has to do with our sewer system. Here's the answer. Every stream in Illinois is under the direct jurisdiction of the State. When a municipality dumps its waste into a stream as we are doing it is called, "Stream Pollution." Certain measures are then taken by the state to correct the wrong.

Wheaton is now undergoing a little taste of what we will get if we don't get busy and use the sewage disposal plant as it should be used. Wheaton is threatened that "the matter will be referred to the Attorney General with the view of enjoining the use of the sewerage system until treatment works are built."

Downers Grove is much better off than Wheaton in this respect. We have the treatment works where Wheaton has not. Let us use them. Taking it from a public standpoint of public health, we as a community, should be ashamed to do anything which will endanger the health of any one.

If you are really interested take a stroll down below the sewage plant in the woods on Sunday to Belmont. Note the offensive odor, to be reasonable, which arises from the almost solid "water." Here is an illustration: A man from Iowa purchased seven acres along the creek. After the deal was closed he brought his wife here to look over the property and select a building site. She came and after selecting the place for her future home sat down on a tree stump for a rest before coming back to town. While they were sitting there chatting the wind changed direction and wafted to her the scent of a hundred stockyards rolled into one big smell. That was enough for her. She absolutely refused to go ahead with any building plans as long as that odor was in the vicinity.

THE PLAY GROUND APPARATUS

There seems to be in the village a movement to discredit the Recreation Association and especially the apparatus which they erected on the grounds of the South Side School.

We would like to say a few words to the men and women who are now talking against the Recreation Association. This movement is in Downers Grove to stay, with or without their help, financial or otherwise. It is a good movement and one which has the endorsement of the really big men of the United States.

As for the unavoidable accident which snuffed out the life of one of our bright boys, it was an accident. It could have happened on a teeter totter in your own back yard. Because a boy is drowned while swimming, do you condemn all swimming? Because a batted ball strikes a spectator and kills him, do you condemn all baseball? Because a man while playing tennis falls and hits his temple on the net post, killing him, do you condemn all tennis?

NO! Then why not use the same fair way of looking at things in the case in point. Do not condemn the Recreation Association.

Think this over, fair-minded citizens of Downers Grove, and render the group of men, who are trying to do things for the boys and girls of the village, what assistance you can, morally, financially, physically or otherwise.

WALES — WORLEY

Miss Lois Wales of Centerville, Ia., and Mr. Leon Worley of Downers Grove, were married in Chicago last Saturday evening.

For the present they are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT

President Wilson does not seem to be having very much success in changing the opinion of the country regarding the league of nations. The thing which sticks in most of our craws is that British statesmen regard the Monroe Doctrine as a dead issue, which it will be if the league draft goes thru.

Our Northeastern neighbor, Maywood, is in the throes of a sensational murder mystery.

Dempsey, heavyweight champ, has been given an offer of a battle to be staged in old Endland.

In spite of the fact that Europe is supposed to be at peace, there is almost as much war going on as before November 11th. last. Do we, who abhor war and all its consequences, wish to be forever mixed up with the quarrels and tribulations of that kind of thing? Seems as if our fathers founded this great nation so as to be separated forever from petty wars. They lived so long under the shadow of military law and the things it meant in the countries they came from that the "free" land over the sea beamed and called in a way which they could not resist.

A determined opposition to the zone postal rates is being made by the big national publications and mail order journals. The country press is almost a unit in asking the government to leave second class rates where they are at present.

That Chicago's ticket scalpers are already planning on making a mint of money out of the world's series baseball games.

An organization composed of members of the A. F. of L. are asking that all strikes be called off, that President Wilson be made a member of the American Federation of Labor and that reform be instituted to stop the high cost of living and the general unrest. Now really we don't see how they adopted our ideas so soon. It is only a few weeks ago that we advocated that in these very columns.

Texas has been visited by another hurricane. One can get a little more light on the death roll if one will imagine that a high wind went thru Downers Grove leaving about 100 of our people dead in its wake and the rest homeless. These tragic occurrences do not seem so bad until one applies them to local conditions.

MANY "PURPLE" GRADS TO ATTEND COLLEGE

Many graduates of Downers Grove High School are entering colleges and universities this fall.

Of the number seventeen of the young men have been in the military service of the United States and are now continuing their education.

The list follows:

- Northwestern University
 - Norman Anderson Hans Pahl (School of Pharmacy)
 - Raymond Schultz (School of Com.)
 - Charlotte Drees Gordon Swanson
 - Arthur Jenness Myron Towsley
 - Roland Modjeska Adelaide Walter
 - Mildred Potter

- Illinois University
 - Alger Barnard Owen Griffiths
 - Ruth DeWitt Fred Howe
 - Charles DeWitt Roscoe Morton
 - Frank Drees Linne Tholin
 - Burr Eichelman

- Wisconsin University
 - Helen Mahoney Fred Sacksteder
 - Earl Prince

- University of Chicago
 - Edwin Curtiss John Mochel
 - Romanzo Lacey

- Northwestern College at Naperville
 - Ruby Iehl Esther Tholin

- Lewis Institute—Chicago
 - Winston Roth Edward Waples
 - Paul Vaughan

- Iowa State College—Ames, Iowa
 - Warren Littleford James Milnes

- Y. M. C. A. College—Chicago
 - Leo Rogers

- Columbia School of Music—Chicago
 - Thelma Roe

- DeKalb Normal
 - Gladys Whitney

WOMAN'S CLUB HELD SPECIAL MEETING WED.

W. J. Casterton, Local Singer, Made First Public Appearance and Pleased Audience.

What a new constitution means to the State of Illinois and why the greatest care should be exercised by its framers was explained last Wednesday afternoon at Library Hall by Judge Orrin N. Carter, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State.

The meeting was a special gathering of the Downers Grove Woman's Club, the first of the new club year and a large and attentive audience listened to the words of the eminent jurist who declared that only in a few particulars was there need of change in the present constitution.

Chief among the necessary changes he listed the following points:

Increased flexibility—making it less difficult to amend. Re-casting of the revenue laws—by substituting a simpler and more equitable system of taxation. Providing for home rule of municipalities. Displacing the present cumbersome ballot with a short ballot. Making equal suffrage a part of the state constitution thus doing away with the present absurdity of granting women the right to vote for president and prohibiting them from voting for county clerk or a state legislator. Incorporating the referendum in legislative affairs.

Two vocal numbers rendered by W. J. Casterton were a part of the program of the afternoon. The songs, "The Arrow and the Song," by Balfe, and "Requiem" arranged by Homer, were received with pleasure.

Mr. Casterton while a resident of the village for several years is new to the musical public and his first appearance before a Downers Grove audience was greeted with enthusiasm and his voice, a barytone, showed wonderful natural tonal qualities supplemented by careful training.

His next appearance will be Sunday evening at the Methodist church in a solo part in the cantata, "The Holy City."

HAPPILY MARRIED IN SPITE OF LITTLE DIFFICULTY

Miss Isabel Beckwith and Mr. Edmund J. Lioret, who have been making their home with Mrs. Lewey on Lyman ave., were married by Rev. J. B. Little of the Baptist church Wednesday evening.

The bare announcement of the tying of the matrimonial knot does not give an adequate description of the feelings of the bride and groom an hour before the ceremony was performed.

Everything was in readiness at the home of Mrs. Lewey. The minister was waiting and asked Mr. Lioret for a peek at the license. After giving it a cursory examination Mr. Little said, "Why young man, you can't be married tonight." The bald announcement without any explanation caused the prospective benedict to wonder why. Miss Beckwith, seeing something was wrong came forward and asked the reason for the delay. Mr. Little repeated his statement and then explained why. Mr. Lioret had procured a Cook County license in Chicago, either not realizing or not thinking about County lines.

However, Mr. Little phoned to W. M. Rhoades, deacon of the Baptist church at Western Springs, a request for the use of the church. This was readily granted and the wedding party entered two large automobiles and drove to our neighboring village. Here a regular church wedding was performed and after a little delay Mr. and Mrs. Lioret were pronounced man and wife.

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and wife.

After the ceremony, the wedding party came back to the Grove to the home of Mrs. Lewey for their belated wedding supper which was served at midnight instead of 9:30 as had been planned.

The happy couple will make their home in Chicago where both are employed.

"THE HOLY CITY" BY M. E. CHORUS SUNDAY EVENING

The large chorus choir of the M. E. church will render a Cantata entitled "The Holy City" next Sunday evening September 21st.

It will be under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Rassweiler, one of our most competent and best known local musicians.

A few amateur voices will be introduced at this time.

The service will begin at 7:30 o'clock. It is expected that the large auditorium will be filled.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 26th. "WANTED FOR MURDER" at THE CURTISS. We surely have some programs. Huh?

The Chicago papers do say that the Musical Man is the very best picture ever shown. We were wise to that fact, and it is for that self-same reason that we paid the price that the patrons of The Curtiss may have the opportunity of seeing all of the big Artercraft-Paramount pictures on this season's program. The date for Doug Fairbanks, in "His Majesty, The American" has been set for Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th, two days.

Coming Very Soon — Mary Pickford in "The Hoodlum."

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