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WHOLE NO. 1887

## \$60,000,000 FOR HARD ROADS IS ILLIN'S PROGRAM

C. W. Kolm Tells of Meeting Where Cannon Ball Trail (Plank Road) Was Boosted.

A meeting was held at the LaSalle Hotel in the interest of hard road construction in the State of Illinois. Mr. William Bennett, Director of Public Work in Illinois gave a hearing to those interested in a state highway along the Cannon Ball Trail, or Route 18, which should interest the citizens of Downers Grove as it takes in the old Plank Road just north of us and runs from Galena to Chicago.

It is by no means a settled fact that the plank road will be used as the state aid road because the citizens of all cities in the state are asking that their road be selected. It was brought out at this hearing that the road construction for Illinois will approximate 850 miles. The law provides that every county should have some work started this year. Mr. Bennett would not say which road will have priority. One thousand miles were laid out for this year but on account of the shortage of cars for both cement and stone it will be impossible to carry out this program. The Cannon Ball Trail organization was ably represented by William George of Aurora, Ill. In his argument he showed why Route 18 should be selected. One reason was the accessibility of gravel and its close proximity to the railroad. This route follows the railroad and because it is the old trail from Galena to Chicago the grades are slow and work on cuts and fills will not be great. Cost of construction will be reduced. It is the logical route because it runs in a direct line to Chicago and feeds one of the richest farming districts in the state thus serving the greatest number of people. Survey work, building bridges and reducing grades will be started at once on the four roads already selected. If Cannon Ball Trail is selected the work will be started within a month or so. A hearing is now being held at Princeton.

It was also brought out that Mr. Bennett is very favorable to our Cannon Ball Trail, in fact, he stated that if it were not selected another hearing would be given before another was selected.

It may interest some to know that this trail was used by the earliest settlers. A map was displayed, dated 1852, which showed Aurora with 2,000 inhabitants. It was the main line of travel to Chicago which is of course the hub of all roads.

Cook County is building a road to Fullersburg. Bonds are being issued for this purpose. Bankers present assured Mr. Bennett that he need not fear any trouble about the sale of the bonds, this will be cared for. Downers Grove bankers will therefore have to do their part if we hope to get attention from the state.

All should boost the Cannon Ball Trail.

Many years ago a man from Kane County who liked his drink on Saturday night became so intoxicated that it seemed impossible for him to get home. He had an old horse with large black spots whose name was Cannon Ball. When asked by his solicitous friends about the possibility of his getting home he replied, "Oh never mind, a mark here and a mark there and Old Cannon Ball will follow the trail. From this Cannon Ball Trail was named and now all hope its course as marked will be the new state highway."

### FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The evening sermons are always short and pointed, touching life in the most intimate way. Pleasant surprises of special music and attractive features by outside talent are not infrequent.

A hearty welcome always awaits the general public at "The Friendly Church."

Today, Friday, April 16th, is your last opportunity to see "The River's End." At the Dicke Theatre. Don't miss it.

## 1ST EVANGELICAL CONGREGATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Elected For New Church Year and Reports of Work Done Read.

The annual business meeting of the congregation of the First Evangelical church was held at the church last Wednesday. The basement auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A splendid supper was served at 7 o'clock by the Ladies Aid to about seventy members of the church.

Following supper a short program was rendered preliminary to the transaction of the annual business and the election of church officials. Among other items of encouragement and interest in these reports were those concerning the increased attendance at the preaching services over last year and the spiritual success of the results of the years' efforts. About thirty-two conversions were recorded and nineteen new members received into the church during the year. A class of three children was graduated from the six months course given by the pastor in Religious Doctrine and Practice. The budget raised for current expenses and Missions and Benevolences was the largest in the history of the church at its present site. In addition to raising this splendid budget the congregation reduced the indebtedness on church property by \$350.00, the remaining indebtedness being only \$625.00.

The average attendance at the Bible School throughout the year showed an increase of 20 per cent over that of last year and the average offerings an increase of 35 per cent. Fourteen Sunday School scholars united with the church.

The Young Peoples Alliance, in addition to raising the budget for local and conference branch expenses in full paid \$172.00 as special gifts to Missionary and Benevolent purposes and left as a memorial of their successful year the beautiful Bulletin Board mounted recently at the main entrance to the church.

Trusting God for His continued blessings the people of the First Evangelical church are looking forward with confidence to even greater things in the new Conference year into which they are just entering. To make possible an extension of its work the budget adopted for the new year is 80 per cent larger than that raised last year. Pledges covering this will be secured by an every member canvass.

Annual Conference is now in session at Naperville and the pastor is in attendance there. It is expected that Rev. Nansen will be returned to Downers Grove to continue his pastorate here. He is a young man with evangelistic zeal who preaches the plain gospel. He has back of him six years of successful experience in the ministry, first as missionary in charge of the Woodson County Mission in the Kansas Conference and later for three years assistant pastor of the Grand Prairie Circuit of this Conference. He is a graduate of Northwestern College and of the degree course of Evangelical Theological Seminary. He has had five years of study in the original Hebrew of the Old Testament hence is an intelligent interpreter of the Scriptures.

The unchurched public is cordially invited to attend any service held at the First Evangelical church. The morning services are more formally conducted in a quiet and worshipful atmosphere. The evening services are made bright and attractive with lots of cheerful singing of Gospel Melodies, with testimonies and congregational prayers.

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## 'JEVER ROLL A SNOWBALL?

Remember don't you how slowly the snow stuck to the ball you had fashioned in your hand at first and then how it would accumulate until you could hardly roll it? That is just the way newspaper advertising works, only when you have boosted and boosted your goods does the accumulated advertising show you the best results.

## DOWNERS GROVE GIVES LOWDEN A MAJORITY OF 90

Vote in North Side Precinct Was Surprise—Wood Carried It By Two Votes.

Frank O. Lowden, war governor of Illinois, was the choice of this state at the Presidential Primary held on Tuesday carrying the state over his nearest competitor, Leonard Wood, by an estimated plurality of 65,000 votes. Lowden carried DuPage County by

## TELEPHONE FRANCHISE UP FOR APPROVAL TUESDAY

Voters to Register Opinion as Required Under Commission Law.

On next Tuesday, April 20th, the question of a new franchise for the Chicago Telephone Company to operate their lines in Downers Grove will be placed before a vote of the people at the regular village election. The franchise has been accepted

## DR. GOODWIN MADE FINE ADDRESS AT LISLE COMTY CLUB

Traced History of Community Co-Operation from that of Business World.

At a meeting of the Lisle Community Club held at the Lisle Congregational church last Friday night, Dr. E. B. Goodwin, pastor of St. Joseph's church, made a very fine address on "The Modern Rural Community Spirit."

Showing a grasp of his subject that only much study could have given him. Dr. Goodwin held his hearers with the logic and eloquence of his discourse for about three quarters of an hour, driving his points home with illustrations aptly applicable to the text.

The entire body of the church was filled as the Rev. Anderson, pastor, made the opening remarks and introduced the speaker. Mr. Anderson is head of the club and asked for a vote on a proposition that the executive committee had talked over—the holding of a fair in Lisle in the fall. A fair where could be shown the produce of the farms, the livestock and best efforts of the women of the community in the culinary line. The proposition was carried unanimously.

Opening the program Miss Mamie Engelschall gave two very delightful solos on the violin, which were applauded to the echo.

At the close light refreshments were served by the social committee.

The Lisle Community Club is an organization which numbers most of the population of Lisle and vicinity on its rolls. It frankly states it is for the betterment of the community and of the people living in the vicinity. It is non-partisan, non-religious, and could easily be emulated by many a community larger than Lisle with no detriment to the town taking it up.

## ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD TOMORROW P. M.

No Contest for Vacancies Means a Quiet Afternoon for the Tellers.

Tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, April 17th, will be held the annual election for members of the school board of this district.

A president of the board and three trustees are to be elected, with no opposition to any of the candidates who are all recommended by the Parent-Teacher Association.

The candidates are:  
For President—A. C. Miskelly  
For Trustees—N. R. Feasley, C. W. VanBeynum, C. A. Carlson

The election this year will be quite a contrast to the turmoil of a year ago when the entire village sat up until after midnight to find out the result of the vote.

## ONE DAY DUPAGE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HERE

A one day teachers' institute will be held at Downers Grove on Saturday, May the first, in the High School Auditorium. A strong program is being prepared. All teachers of the public and private schools of DuPage County are invited to attend the morning and afternoon sessions.

This institute is held under the auspices of the DuPage County Teachers' Association.

## CUT THE H. C. OF L.

Is the way one of the classified advertisements starts out this week. And then it goes on to tell of an acre tract for sale near the village. If you are a regular reader of the classified advertisements you have no doubt profited by them more than once. If you aren't a regular reader, get into the habit. It is one that pays, always.

## MRS. H. S. PAINE NEW PRESIDENT OF WOMANS CLUB

Officers Elected and Reports Read At Annual Meeting Held On Wednesday.

Mrs. H. S. Paine was elected President of the Downers Grove Woman's Club at their annual meeting on Wednesday.

The other officers chosen were: Vice President, Mrs. A. F. Boardwell; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Heintz; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Puffer; Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Harper; Parliamentarian, Mrs. J. C. White. Wednesday's meeting was called at 11 o'clock, followed by a 1 o'clock cafeteria luncheon and the attendance was fine.

Reports from various officers, committees and departments showed the splendid and vast amount of work accomplished during the year.

It was decided at the meeting that the departments be increased from three to four. This was accomplished by splitting the Civics and Philanthropy departments into two, a "Civics" and a "Philanthropy." The chairmen for these departments have been named as follows: Home and Educational, Mrs. H. S. Sherman; Civics, Mrs. J. D. Gillespie; Philanthropy, Mrs. M. H. Prince; Art and Literature, Mrs. W. J. O'Neill.

Mrs. Kelly Sang Swan Song.

In reading her report as President of the Woman's Club at the close of the season, Mrs. T. F. Kelly, retiring president, sang her swan song. For the past two years under her able leadership the club has grown in all branches of work also showing an increase in membership of over fifty, making the total near the 200 mark. Mrs. Kelly, with the fine cooperation given by the officers of the club, has brought harmony into the ranks as is shown by the splendid work that has been done during her term of office.

Private Exhibition.

A private exhibition of the painting recently acquired by the Downers Grove unit of the Burlington Group, Municipal Art League, was held at the Junior Elementary School on Grove street, last Friday evening. Those invited included the Boards of Directors of the various organizations of the village.

The guest of honor was the artist, Mr. Karl A. Buehr of Chicago. Mrs. W. F. Grover, vice-president and Mrs. W. F. Young, secretary of the Municipal Art League, were also present, the former addressing a few words to the guests.

The picture has since been turned over to the Library Board for hanging in the public library.

11th District Meeting.

The 11th District meeting is being held at Lombard yesterday and today. Delegates from here include Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Howard Jones and Mrs. T. F. Kelly. Mrs. M. K. Bush is attending as the Art Chairman of the 11th district federation.

## NO OPPOSITION TO CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS

Three Vacancies to be Filled on the Public Library Board of Directors.

Next Tuesday, April 20th, at the regular village election will be held the election of three members of the Board of Directors of the Downers Grove Public Library.

Those on the ballots are Walter R. Curtiss for the unexpired term and Lucia B. Morse and W. B. Towsley for the one year term.

As there are three to be elected there is no opposition to the candidates who have filed.

## SCHOOLS TO DISTRIBUTE GOVT SEEDS

Congressman I. C. Copley is distributing flower and vegetable seeds through the public and private schools as points of distribution. Apply to your principal or superintendent of schools if you are interested.

## PLANT---THEY'RE NOT COMING DOWN



a big majority and Downers Grove by 90. In the north side precinct the tallying of the votes caused a surprise. Here Wood won out by two votes, with the help of the women. The men gave Lowden a majority of five but the women gave Wood seven more than the Governor.

The campaign did not effect us locally very much, the only meeting held being the Wood meeting at the Dicke Theatre Monday night and the little work which was done by the candidates by volunteer workers.

Details of the vote in Downers Grove are as follows:

Republican—		S. S.		Tot.	
N. S.	M. W.	M. W.			
Lowden	62	17	105	28	212
Wood	57	24	23	18	122
Johnson	10		13	1	24
Hoover	1			1	2
Democratic—				Tot.	
N. S.	M. W.	M. W.			
McAdoo	10		3		13
Edwards	1				1

One of the surprises of the primary locally was the small vote polled by the Democrats. Of course, there was no contest and not even a nominee on the ticket, but the leaders of the party in Illinois had urged that those adhering to the party go to the polls on the party loyalty side and write in the name of a favorite for the race.

There were only 21 Democratic ballots cast in the village.

Lace Precinct for Lowden.

In the Lace precinct 28 Republican ballots were cast divided between Lowden (19) and Wood (9).

The Sunbeams, chaperoned by Miss Germain, held their bi-monthly meeting at the home of Helen Holloway on Oakwood avenue, last Monday, April 12th.

and passed by the Mayor and Commissioners, but as the Commission form of Village Government provides that all franchises be passed on by the electorate, the vote is necessary.

Probably the two provisions of the franchise, which was published in full in The Reporter several weeks ago, which will be of most interest to local people are those relating to the system and the poles on Main street. The present "ringing" system will give place to the "relay multiple telephone system." In the latter arrangement to signal the operator one just lifts the receiver from the hook and a light is flashed in the operating room. This change will be made within two years. Because of the shortage of equipment it is impossible for the company to guarantee the installation in a shorter time. The terms also call for the removal of all poles from Main street between Maple and Warren avenues within a year. This will be a great improvement.

In addition to the above the village will receive eight telephones for village use only, free of all charges during the term of the franchise and free toll on all lines in DuPage County and to cities between Chicago and Aurora, inclusive, not to exceed \$100 worth in any one year to be used for village business.

The terms of the franchise are very liberal and every citizen of the village should think enough of the ballot to go out next Tuesday and register his approval of it. It has been accepted by the village board as fair and should also be by the people.

Both men and women can vote on the proposition. There will only be one polling place, the Village Hall.

Mrs. Fred Youde spent the weekend with relatives in Berwyn.